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Beach bummer

MWR cutbacks hit lone US beach in Europe

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Kids from the school at nearby Camp Darby hit the American Beach in Tirrenia, Italy.
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Nuke missile duty: Responsibility and tedium

By ROBERT BURNS
The Associated Press

BERTHOLD, N.D. — As a nuclear missileer with his finger on the trigger of the world's most powerful weapon, Air Force 1st Lt. Andy Parthum faces pressures few others know. He spends his workday awaiting an order he hopes never arrives: to launch nuclear-tipped missiles capable of killing millions and changing the course of history.

Parthum is one of 90 young airmen who carry out their mission not in the air but in holes in the ground.

Across the northern tier of the U.S., pairs of missileers sit at consoles inside bomb-proof capsules 60 feet underground and linked to groups of Minuteman 3 missiles, nuclear-armed weapons whose first generation President John F. Kennedy dubbed an "Ace in the Hole."

The missileers' mission was

‘Absolutely, it weighs on your mind.’

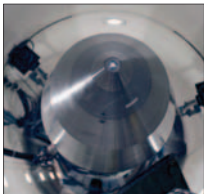
1st Lt. Andy Parthum
Air Force missileer

born in the early years of the Cold War, when the threat of nuclear Armageddon was ever-present, yet it lives on despite the emergence of new threats like global

terrorism and cyberattack and the shrinking of defense budgets.

The missileers have never engaged in combat, although the Air Force calls them combat crewmembers. Still, no one can exclude the possibility, remote as it may be, that one day a president will deliver the gut-wrenching order that would compel a missileer to unleash a nuclear hell that would alter world history.

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CHARLIE REIDEL/AP

An inert Minuteman 3 missile sits in a training launch tube at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We have wondered whether those angels might have been her brothers and sisters."

— Roger Lyons, grandfather of Cassidy Stay, 15, who survived an attack in which her parents and four siblings were killed, by playing dead. She said she felt that angels told her to be quiet.

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MIDEAST

Afghan rivals agree on ballot audit

By BRADLEY KLAPPER
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's two rival candidates reached a breakthrough agreement Saturday to a complete audit of their contested presidential election and, whoever the victor, a national unity government.

The deal, brokered by Secretary of State John Kerry, offers a path out of what threatened to be a debilitating political crisis for Afghanistan, with both candidates claiming victory and talking of setting up competing governments.

Such a scenario could have dangerously split the fragile country's government and security forces at a time the U.S. is pulling out most of its troops and the Taliban continues to wage a fierce insurgency.

Instead, former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani and former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah agreed to abide by a 100 percent, internationally supervised audit of all 8 million ballots in the presidential election. They vowed to form a national unity government once the results are announced, presumably

one that includes members of each side.

Kerry, who conducted shuttle diplomacy between the two candidates late into the night Friday and Saturday, warned that much work still remained.

"This will be still a difficult road because there are important obligations required and difficult decisions to be made," Kerry told reporters after briefing Afghan President, Hamid Karzai shortly after midnight.

The audit, which comes after widespread fraud allegations, is expected to take several weeks, beginning with the ballot boxes in the capital, Kabul.

Boxes from the provinces will be flown to the capital by helicopter by U.S. and international forces and examined on a rolling basis. Representatives from each campaign as well as international observers will oversee the review.

Both candidates agreed to respect the result, and the winner would immediately form a national unity government.

The inauguration, which had been scheduled for Aug. 2, would be postponed, with Karzai staying on a little longer as president.

Abdullah said the election created "serious challenges." But he praised Ghani for working toward the accord on the audit and the unity government.

Ghani returned the compliments, lauding his competitor's patriotism and commitment to a dialogue that promotes national unity.

"Stability is the desire of everyone," Ghani said. "Our aim is simple: We've committed to the most thorough audit" in history.

Such a process would remove any ambiguity about the result, he added.

Preliminary runoff results suggested a massive turnaround in favor of Ghani, the onetime World Bank economist. He had lagged significantly behind Abdullah in first-round voting.

Abdullah, a top leader of the Northern Alliance that battled the Taliban before the U.S.-led invasion in 2001, claimed massive ballot-stuffing.

He was runner-up to Karzai in a fraud-riddled 2009 presidential vote before he pulled out of that runoff, and many of his supporters see him being cheated for a second time.

11 Afghan security force members killed

KABUL, Afghanistan — Insurgent attacks across Afghanistan killed 11 Afghan security force members, authorities said Sunday, as a suicide car bomb attack wounded three NATO troops.

Overnight in eastern Laghman province, insurgents raided Afghan police and army checkpoints in Aliangar district, said Sarhadi Zwak spokesman for the provincial governor. Zwak said the dead from the assault included six police officers and one soldier, while security forces killed 15 insurgents.

In the western province of Herat, insurgents attacked a police checkpoint Sunday morning, killing one police officer, said Raouf Ahmadi, a spokesman for the provincial police. He said officers killed four insurgents in the assault.

An attack late Friday on another checkpoint in the district killed three police officers, he said.

Meanwhile in eastern Nangarhar province, authorities said a suicide car bomber wounded three NATO troops in an attack Saturday night in the province's Behsud district. NATO said the attacker was killed and there were no other fatalities.

From The Associated Press



FRANCES JOHNSON/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Eagle eye

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Morris, a crew chief with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 46, watches for any suspicious activity on the ground during a mission in Helmand province, Afghanistan, on July 3.

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PACIFIC

RIMPAC exercises focus on typhoon disaster response

By WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

ABOARD THE JAPANESE DESTROYER ISE, Hawaii — A major element of the 2014 Rim of the Pacific naval exercises involves training to coordinate international military response to natural disasters in Asia.

Military elements from six nations — America, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Indonesia and Japan — are conducting a week-long RIMPAC response to a mock typhoon that has hit the fictitious country of Griffon in Southeast Asia.

Some of the troops involved don't have to imagine what it's like to respond to such a scenario. For example, the Ise was one of three ships Japan deployed to the Philippines last fall in the wake of the devastating Typhoon Haiyan.

The Ise, a destroyer with a large deck for landing helicopters, serves as the maritime headquarters for this year's relief response exercise for RIMPAC.

Japan's self-defense forces will no doubt play an expanded role in the future for disaster response, but also for regional security. Lawmakers there are in the process of changing laws that could make it easier for Japan's relief to assist allies in armed conflict.

On Saturday, helicopters arrived on the flight deck of the Ise bearing mock victims of a mass casualty drill. Among the helicopters were several belonging to the U.S. Army — a first for RIMPAC — posing as aircraft belonging to the typhoon-hit host nation.

The Health Association of Hawaii is using the mass casualty

To view the full photo gallery of the RIMPAC drills, go to:
stripes.com/go/mocktyphoon

portion of this exercise to certify its disaster-response readiness, said Commodore Kevin Coyne, a U.S. Navy contingency engineer working out of the exercise's joint task force headquarters on Ford Island in Honolulu.

"They're going to take 250 patients — full of fake cuts and everything — and we're going to transport by sea, air and land to all five islands and most of their hospitals," Coyne said. "This is the largest exercise the HAH has ever been part of."

Also participating in the exercise are numerous nongovernment agencies, such as the Red Cross, along with United Nations agencies.

The "real meat" of the exercise is to test the thresholds at which the host country will need to ask for assistance, Coyne said.

"Can the local government respond?" Coyne said. "Can the U.N. international clusters respond? If not, that's when the military comes in. We are the resource of last response."

The triggers for a military response for such a disaster are two-fold, he said.

"Do we have a unique capability that the U.N. or host nation does not have? Or do we have a capability that we can get to the affected area faster than they do?"

One primary example of that unique capability is logistics — moving supplies into the damaged areas and moving victims out.

The headquarters Coyne is working out of is entirely indepen-



PHOTOS BY WYATT OLSON/Stars and Stripes

After being airlifted via helicopter to the flight deck of the Japanese destroyer Ise on Saturday, a mock typhoon victim is lowered onto a gurney to the medical ward below as part of the Rim of the Pacific exercises.



A sailor snaps shut a flap on a tent covered by a larger solar tent. Sustainable energy is playing a much larger part in the exercises.

dent, just as it would be when the military arrives in the midst of an ongoing disaster.

"You have to imagine right now you're in a country that's been devastated by a hurricane," said U.S. Navy Commodore Chris Peterschmidt, who's in charge of coordinating the side-by-side Japan/U.S. headquarters on Ford Island. "We're off the grid. We're not using any cellphone towers, not using anybody's water, gas or electricity. We brought it all ourselves."

"We are entirely self-dependent, and we can do it for about 15 days, with MREs, our own gas."

That's gotten a bit easier during this year's exercise, thanks to the conversion of part of the camp to purely sustainable energy. About 90 percent of the energy used for a camp that could potentially house 264 troops is being operated with solar, wind and hydrogen energy, a project receiving technical advice from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The roar of diesel generators filled the air in the headquarters portion of the makeshift camp last week, but the part powered by renewable energy was tranquil.

"If you'd been here a year ago and had an exercise like this, we'd

be yelling at each other now because of the generator noise," said Sgt. Jeremy Nissly, with the Corps of Engineers. "We're doing the same mission right now, and it's peace and quiet. We have almost no emissions at this point, and our costs are very low."

He added, "We don't have to worry about when the next convoy's coming with fuel." Asked whether the camp had to make any compromises to go mostly renewable, Nissly said that the demonstration camp actually had experienced unexpected benefits. For example, a large, solar-topped tent was placed over a regular canvas tent. As a result, while the outside tent converted the sun's heat to energy, it also prevented the rays from penetrating the lower tent, keeping it cooler.

Testing that kind of technology is a fringe benefit of RIMPAC, not its greater purpose.

"As enamored as I am about the equipment and the hardware, what's more important — and this is what RIMPAC represents — is the opportunity to practice multinational cooperation in a controlled environment ... practice communicating with each other, sharing information, sharing resources," Peterschmidt said. "That's really the hard part."

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Recovering Japanese abducted by N. Korea a top priority

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TOKYO — Recovering Japanese citizens who were abducted by North Korea decades ago is the government's highest priority issue, Japan's chief Cabinet secretary said Friday.

Japan recently began easing some long-held sanctions on North Korea after Pyongyang agreed to reopen investigations into the fate of Japanese citizens who were abducted by North Korean agents in the 1970s and '80s.

The Japanese Cabinet believes Pyongyang is serious about empowering its investigators to reveal what happened to hundreds of Japanese who were taken to train North Korean spies, Yoshihide Suga told reporters.

"The North Korean side does have all the information," Suga said. "They know all of the truth. It's for them to not hide anything and to explain everything to this special investigative committee."

Private organizations have reported that as many as 860 Japanese citizens have been abducted by North Korea. Suga said that number wasn't official, but that the Japanese government would examine each claim.

After denying the abductions for decades, North Korea ac-

knowledgeed them in 2002 and eventually returned five Japanese citizens used by Pyongyang's spy apparatus.

Talks over the abductions since then had gone nowhere.

Suga said an exchange of documents and vows of access to Japanese officials within North Korea have provided cause for optimism.

"Doors closed on this issue for so very long have now been wedged open just a little bit," Suga said.

In response, Japan has lifted multiple restrictions on North Korea, though its toughest economic sanctions remain in effect.

North Koreans may be approved to visit Japan on a case-by-case basis, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced July 4.



Suga

North Koreans may also bring more money to Japan, and North Korean ships may port in Japan to take delivery of humanitarian goods, according to the recent changes.

Suga spoke with reporters for an hour Friday, talking mostly about the government's economic programs.

His prepared remarks made scant mention of the Cabinet's July 1 resolution to allow Japan's forces to aid the United States and unidentified "close allies" in combat, if not doing so would imperil Japan.

Most recent media polls show majority opposition to the Cabinet's resolution, with greater numbers opposing the method of reinterpreting, rather than attempting to amend, Japan's post-WWII constitution.

Written by the postwar American occupation, it renounces "the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes."

Japan's constitution has never been amended.

Following a reporter's question on why the government chose not to try, Suga replied that some past governments interpreted the constitution the same way as the current administration.

"As a result, there was no need to resort to constitutional revision," Suga said.

Although the legislature must still approve legal revisions next spring to allow collective self-defense, the ruling government maintains a comfortable majority in both of Japan's legislative houses.

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MILITARY

Austerity claims last DOD beach in Europe

By NANCY MONTGOMERY
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VICENZA, Italy — “Dreaming of stretching out on your beach towel, soaking up some sun or wiggling your toes in the sand?” asks an ad for the American Beach by Camp Darby’s Morale, Recreation and Welfare department. “Dream no more!”

Seriously, dream no more.

The beach, operated for more than half a century for U.S. servicemembers on a stretch of Italian coastline in Tuscany, is headed for extinction, like scores of other U.S. military facilities in Europe during the past decade. In May, the Defense Department listed the unique property — the only known DOD-operated beach remaining in Europe — as among several properties to be given up and turned over to host nations.

The beach has been deemed to have little “intrinsic military value,” Installation Management Command-Europe spokesman Dan Thompson said in an email.

Getting it off the books would save \$114,000 annually, Thompson said, along with other savings in “manpower/staff actions.”

“The cost avoidance accomplished by divesting sites with few regular visitors and little military value is part of an effort to become more efficient and use those resources for broader impact,” he said.

Now in the midst of what’s expected to be the beach’s last season, Camp Darby’s Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department personnel, disagreed.

“We take in more than \$150,000 a year,” said Steven Mechur, MWR outdoor recreation supervisor. “We still make a little profit.”

Mechur said Camp Darby MWR has offered to pay all costs for the beach, to take no appropriated funds for it, to no avail.

“To close all that down... I just don’t want to see it go away,” Mechur said. “It makes no sense to me... I think it’s a shame.”

The beach in the seaside resort town of Tirrenia, founded during Benito Mussolini’s fascist regime to be “The Pearl of the Mediterranean Sea,” offers similar amenities, at reduced cost, as adjacent Italian beaches owned by hotels or other concessions.

There are rows of chairs and umbrellas, cabanas, covered pavilions, a beach volleyball court, kayaks, pedal boats, boogie boards, playground equipment, showers, and snack and drink bars.

Its purpose has been to “enhance the readiness and resiliency of soldiers, families and civilians in Europe by providing an affordable and valued recreation site,” according to Grant Sattler, spokesman for U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, which oversees Camp Darby, officially known as the “Darby Military Community” since its

previous command, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno, was closed.

In recent years, the small installation, which also offers a campsite and lodgings to vacationing Defense Department and NATO personnel, reported more than 35,000 annual visitors.

Some American families return to vacation every year, staffers said.

“It’s a very peaceful area,” said staffer Vinnie Firriolo, who was part of a two-man crew that did the entire beach set-up this year, beginning in April.

“We do get a lot of people; a lot of people from Germany and England come. They love it.”

Among the things to love, Firriolo said, was that people speak English at the American beach, the parking lot is guarded and prices are lower. For example, an umbrella costs about \$25 at an Italian beach but only \$15 at the American beach, he said.

However, Thompson said that fewer people stationed in northern Europe had been visiting the beach since AAFES quit providing cut-rate gas coupons for people on leave. Now, he said, it’s used mostly by “local DOD personnel and [Italians who work for the U.S.], with a few visitors.”

Camp Darby’s primary mission has been to logistically support combat deployments, including equipment and munitions maintenance and storage, for rapid reaction and crises response operations.

Sattler said there were no plans to close the campground or lodgings at Camp Darby but that “residual impacts of the beach closing are still being evaluated.”

The beach dates to the 1950s, constructed shortly after Camp Darby was established in a pine forest between Pisa and Livorno, 3 miles from Tirrenia.

At the time, American military beaches were more commonplace. There was also one located on Lake Garda, complete with free water skiing.

During the Vietnam War, thousands of GIs spent their leave at “China Beach,” the 30-kilometer golden beach near the central coastal city of Danang. Numerous beaches and recreation areas remain in the states for use by DOD members.

Getting rid of the beach, along with a Bavarian golf course, a skeet range, a hotel and a variety of other facilities also being closed in this most recent round of cost-cutting, would save \$60 million annually, according to the Defense Department.

Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Kirby told reporters at the time that the cuts would allow resources to be focused on higher priority missions.

“It doesn’t at all change our military capability on the continent or degrade in any way our readiness to meet our security commitments there in Europe,” Kirby said.

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Marines test new amphibious craft

By WYATT OLSON
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BELLOWS AIR FORCE STATION, Hawaii — Make way for a new military acronym.

Make way for the UHAC.

That stands for Ultra Heavy-lift Amphibious Connector, and you’re sure to see it coming.

The contraption moves over land with two tank-like tracks that enable it to climb over rugged terrain but also provide buoyancy at sea.

Its movement is kind of a cross between a caterpillar and a snake.

The Marine Corps Warfighting Lab, which is overseeing its development, demonstrated a half-size prototype Friday on a beach adjoining the Air Force station on the east side of Oahu — although the junior version still weighs in at 38 tons.

The test was part of the Advanced Warfighting Experiment being conducted during the Navy’s monthlong Rim of the Pacific exercise in Hawaii, in which more than 20 partner nations are participating.

The UHAC’s track is made of dozens of durable foam flaps containing “captured air cells,” said Gen. Kevin Killea, commander of the Warfighting Lab, based in Quantico, Va.

Killea spoke briefly to reporters shortly before the UHAC made a foray from a parking lot, over a sandy berm, across the

beach and into the water before returning in about 10 minutes.

The plan later in the day was to pilot the UHAC out to a Navy cargo ship at sea, where it would clamber aboard — a largely untested process for the craft. The UHAC then would be loaded with a vehicle, which would be transported back to land.

The prototype stands about 18 feet high, but the final version is expected to maintain a lower profile, without the elevated “cab” the prototype has, Killea said.

Killea said the prototype tops out at about 5 mph on the water. The full-size version is expected to move about 25 mph at top speed, he said.

That’s about half the speed of the Navy’s hovercraft, the Landing Craft Air Cushion, or LCAC, an amphibious craft used to shuttle troops and materiel between ship and shore.

The LCAC isn’t so adept at scrambling over rugged terrain, Killea said. The UHAC can, potentially carrying a heavy payload of supplies to typhoon-damaged areas during humanitarian relief missions.

Despite its aggressive climbing capability, the UHAC’s soft track doesn’t leave much damage where it goes. The foam flaps paddle the water for propulsion, but they flatten out beneath the craft on land, leaving little impression. On Friday, it passed over a tar road without leaving a mark.

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Watch a video of the UHAC in operation
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Above: Camera operators get images of the prototype Ultra Heavy-lift Amphibious Connector amphibious craft as Marines test it Friday in Oahu, Hawaii.

Left: The UHAC, clambers out of the sea onto an Oahu beach during a demonstration. Its tracks paddle for propulsion on water but flatten out on land.

MILITARY



PHOTOS BY CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Above: 1st Lt. Phil Parenteau opens the blast door leading to the underground control room at the ICBM launch control facility at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

Left: 1st Lt. Andy Parthum, left, and 2nd Lt. Oliver Parsons check systems in the underground control room of the ICBM launch control center where they work a 24-hour shift.

Nuke: For missileers, seemingly mundane routine a deadly serious business

FROM FRONT PAGE

"Absolutely, it weighs on your mind," Parthum, 25, said on a recent afternoon at Juliet-01, a Minuteman 3 missile launch site on a small patch of prairie 9 miles from the village of Berthold and about 25 miles west of Minot Air Force Base, whose 91st Missile Wing controls 150 of the nation's 450 Minuteman missiles.

It may come as a surprise to some that the Air Force still operates intercontinental ballistic missiles, or ICBMs. Therein lies part of the problem for missileers, who feel underappreciated in a military that has long since shifted its main focus.

Parthum, however, says he takes pride in his role and accepts its importance.

"It's something that's a little abstract, so that could be hard for people, I can see that," he said. "But once you understand that we're providing the backbone, the bedrock for United States nuclear deterrence then it's a lot easier to appreciate, I think." Parthum, a native of Centerville, Va., and his crewmate, 2nd Lt. Oliver Parsons, 23, of Shawnee, Kan., showed visitors around the small launch control center where they were several hours into a 24-hour watch over a group of 10 missiles.

It's a sometimes tedious duty the Air Force calls "standing alert." Some say their biggest challenge is staying alert.

Missileers, typically 22- to 27-year-old lieutenants and captains, work in pairs, with a relief crew arriving every 24 hours. A missileer generally does two "alerts" a week. It was Parthum's 118th. (He keeps track.)

It's not hard to see why some missileers find it hard to adjust to life under the prairie. An 8-ton blast door seals their launch control center from a potential incoming nuclear detonation. Twice last year launch officers were disciplined after admitting

they left the blast door open while a crewmate was asleep — a security violation. That and other lapses in discipline, training and leadership were documented by The Associated Press over the past year, prompting Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel to declare that "something is wrong."

The ICBM launch control center is actually two separate structures. An outer protective shell is made of reinforced concrete lined with a steel plate. A smaller, box-like enclosure where the missileers work, eat and sleep is suspended inside the protective shell by pneumatic cylinders called "shock isolators" attached to the shell's ceiling by heavy chains. The isolators are designed to keep the space stable in the event of a nuclear blast.

The underground command posts have changed relatively little since they were built in the early 1960s, although the Air Force recently committed to refurbishing them to make a missileer's life a bit easier. Juliet-01, the command post an AP reporting team was permitted to visit, had just been repainted and spruced up to remove corrosion caused by water intrusion, giving it what one officer called "that new car smell."

The launch center is accessible only from an above-ground building that resembles a small ranch-style home. An access shaft descends from a vestibule inside the building, which is controlled by a security team and surrounded by alarms and a chain-link fence.

Nuclear weapons duty is a deadly serious business, but it's not without room for a pinch of missileer humor. A patch on the green leather seat from which Parthum monitors a computer console linked electronically to each of his 10 Minuteman 3 missiles offers these pithy phrases: "This 'Round's On 'The House," and "Party 'Til You Nuke."

In fact, the U.S. has never fired



A retired Minuteman 1 missile stands at the main entrance to Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

an ICBM, other than for flight testing. Their stated purpose is to help deter nuclear war by convincing a potential attacker that it would have more to lose than to gain.

Upward of two-thirds of missileers were "volunteered" for the job after gaining their officer commission. Once they complete basic ICBM training at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, they are sent on four-year tours to

one of three missile bases: Minot, Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana, or F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming.

The responsibility is enormous, the cost of mistakes potentially colossal, ranging from environmental damage to inadvertently triggering a nuclear war. That is why the Air Force has long-established rules, procedures and backup safety systems to minimize the possibility of a major

error.

Over time, with the passing of the Cold War, the Air Force lost focus on its nuclear mission.

It also lost a good deal of what remained of the allure of serving as a missileer.

"Even during the Cold War while facing down the Soviets, it could be difficult to convince bright young airmen that what they were doing was worthwhile," Robert W. Stanley II wrote in a research paper in 2011 before becoming vice commander of the 341st Missile Wing at Malmstrom. Last year he was promoted to commander there but resigned in March 2014 amid a scandal over exam cheating among his missileers.

In his paper, "Reviving a Culture of Disciplined Compliance in Air Force Nuclear Operations," Stanley called for missileer incentive pay.

"In trying to demonstrate that nuclear duty is not a dying career field, and one worthy of top personnel, no message could be more tangible than monetary reward," he wrote.

The Air Force is heeding that advice. Starting in October, it will offer entry bonuses to newly trained missileers, as well as "duty pay" for security forces, missileers and others who operate in the missile fields. A nuclear weapons service medal will also be offered as part of an intensified effort to make the career field more attractive.

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MILITARY

Lawmaker cool to revived proposal to mothball ships

By BILL BARTEL
The Virginian-Pilot

The Navy's efforts Thursday to convince a key U.S. House panel that it could save billions of dollars by mothballing 11 guided missile cruisers, including two in Norfolk, Va., seemed to fall on deaf ears.

Top Navy officials are seeking to save \$4.7 billion by taking half the fleet of 22 cruisers out of service next year and slowly modernizing them over several years before bringing them back on line.

But U.S. Rep. Randy Forbes, the panel's chairman, said he doubts the ships would ever return to service because there's no certainty the money to update the cruisers would be available in the future.

"I don't think this is a phased modernization plan," Forbes said. "I think this is a phased euthanization plan, because when those ships go into dry dock, we have no

assurance they're coming back."

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Sean Stackley told a House Armed Services subcommittee that automatic cuts known as sequestration are driving tighter defense spending.

Stackley said that when the ships are modernized, their lifespans would be extended for years.

His testimony before the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee marks a second effort by the Pentagon to mothball the cruisers. It included the plan in its budget proposal earlier this year, but the House disapproved and put language into its 2015 Pentagon budget specifically to block it.

Under the Navy's proposal, the 11 cruisers, including the Norfolk-based Anzio and Vella Gulf, would be taken out of service next year and their crews reassigned. The vessels would not be decommissioned and could be returned to service early if needed, the Navy said.

Their gradual modernization would mean the affected cruisers, which otherwise would be due to retire in the 2020s, could serve into the 2030s, Stackley said.

Forbes, a Chesapeake Republican and frequent critic of the Obama administration, has long argued that the Navy's fleet needs to grow rather than shrink. He has said the federal government needs to shift spending from other areas, including the Affordable Care Act, to bolster national defense.

"I reject any notion that we should look into place the negative consequences of sequestration, and vigorously oppose any reduction of some of our most capable surface combatants on the altar of fiscal frugality," he said.

When pressed Thursday, Stackley said the Navy needs 300 ships but is on track to have just 274 next year. The service's long-range shipbuilding plan calls for expanding the fleet to more than 300 by 2019, but it's unclear how it would pay for that.



STEVE HELBER/AP

The USS Anzio lies pierside at Naval Station Norfolk in Norfolk, Va., in April 2013.

Forbes said 274 ships "is an unacceptable figure that is the result of two decades of neglect."

Similar budget pressures have sliced into the Navy's nuclear power budget, prompting Adm. Jonathan Greenert, chief of naval operations, to warn last week that the cuts threaten operation of the fleet's 10 nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and 73 submarines.

Five nuclear-powered carriers and seven submarines are based in Hampton Roads.

If approved, the current proposed budget would mark the fifth straight time the Navy gets

less money than requested for nuclear operations, Greenert wrote in a July 7 letter to Congress. In the past four years, the program has received \$450 million less than was requested, he wrote.

The "persistent cuts," Greenert wrote, put the Navy's nuclear program "in the position of being unable to provide for a safe and reliable nuclear fleet."

It also affects production of new nuclear submarines and the processing of spent nuclear fuel, he wrote. Both of those occur at Newport News Shipbuilding.

"This approach is no longer sustainable," he wrote.

DOD spurs new work on brain implant to aid memory woes

By ALAN ZAREMBO
AND MELISSA HEALY
Los Angeles Times

It sounds like science fiction: a device that can be surgically installed in the brain to help form, store and recall memories.

The Pentagon is betting tens of millions of dollars that so-called neuroprosthetics someday will be used by victims of traumatic brain injuries and other conditions to overcome memory problems.

Its first beneficiaries may be wounded warriors. If the effort succeeds, healthy people, too, one day may clamor for implantable brain gear that can turbocharge human cognition.

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency announced last week that it has contracted with the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of Pennsylvania to lead a four-year effort to develop such a device. Teams of scientists from the two institutions will be aided by neural technology experts at California's technology powerhouse, the J. Paulson Institute for Neuroscience, and by a pair of giants in the design and manufacture of brain-stimulating devices, Medtronic Inc. and Neuropace Inc.

"This is just not cocktail party talk," said Geoffrey Ling, director of DARPA's biological technologies office, said in a conference call with reporters. "We have so much hope that this new program is going to do wonderful things to restore our injured servicemembers."

The research program, known as Restoring Active Memory, will focus on declarative memory

— the ability to record and recall times, places and other facts necessary for daily living. Although the program is driven by the need to help servicemembers who suffered traumatic brain injuries — often the result of roadside bombs used in the recent wars — the first human test subjects will be people with memory difficulties caused by epilepsy.

The Restoring Active Memory initiative extends the efforts of a burgeoning field that is exploring the potential of "brain-machine interfaces" to compensate for injury, illness or disability — and one day, perhaps, to enhance human performance. Just as cochlear implants bypass faulty auditory nerves to allow hearing in the deaf, new technologies and better understanding of the central nervous system are allowing scientists to test devices that reroute motor commands around severed spinal cords and cause muscles in the legs and arms to move.

Building an actual memory aid for the forgetful will be an even more daunting task, said Sander Pannu, project leader at Lawrence Livermore Labs. "The first challenge is understanding how memory really works," he said. "A process scientists are just beginning to nail down."

For that, researchers at UCLA and the University of Pennsylvania will rely on an army of healthy volunteers willing to perform memory tasks while their brains are imaged and recorded. They will also turn to a group of patients who already have some experience with neural implants.

Electronic devices are al-

ready implanted in the brains of tens of thousands of people with Parkinson's disease and epilepsy. For those with Parkinson's, deep brain stimulator devices are implanted in regions of the brain that control movement, to tame such symptoms as tremors, stiffness, slowed speech and walking problems. A much smaller population of patients with seizure disorders that don't respond to medications have devices implanted in a wide range of brain regions to monitor seizure activity and to short-circuit the electrical storms that disrupt their functioning.

A UCLA research team led by Dr. Itzhak Fried, a neurosurgeon, will collect data from epilepsy patients that use such devices with the aim of developing a model of memory formation that could be used to test a wireless memory device.

All of those subjects will help investigators map the widespread pattern of neural activity and pinpoint the exact clusters of brain cells that fire — or misfire — when we make, store and retrieve memories.

"We don't have the Rosetta Stone for the memory system," said Michael J. Kahana, director of the University of Pennsylvania's computational neuroscience lab and a lead investigator on the project. "The DARPA project is trying to dramatically accelerate that effort to decipher that Rosetta Stone. We're poised to do it. With this multisite effort, we might just be able to pull it off."

The information gleaned in turn will guide the design of devices much more advanced than brain

stimulators now in use. Starting as early as 2017, the Pentagon initiative aims to build and test in humans at least two devices. They would sense and interpret signaling in the brain associated with normal, healthy memory formation, then use that information to bridge gaps in the neural circuitry to restore or improve memory formation and recall.

The UCLA team will focus on a part of the brain known as the entorhinal area, an important gateway to the hippocampus, where memories are formed and stored.

The University of Pennsylvania scientists are exploring the contributions that other parts of the brain contribute to memory, including the frontal, temporal and parietal cortices.

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NATION

Warren hits road for Dems

By STEVE LeBLANC
The Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Sen. Elizabeth Warren is quickly becoming a top Democratic fundraising and campaigning powerhouse, leading the road on behalf of candidates in key races the party will need to win to retain control of the U.S. Senate in November.

Since March, the Massachusetts Democrat has stumped for candidates in Ohio, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington and Kentucky and has trips planned this week for West Virginia and Michigan. It's a hefty schedule for a freshman senator who not long ago was teaching law at Harvard.

Along the way, Warren has found her brand of economic populism resonating far from her home in the liberal enclave of Cambridge, Mass. Part of Warren's economic pitch is legislation she sponsored that would let college graduates refinance their student loans at lower interest rates, an effort blocked by Senate Republicans.

Warren found a receptive crowd during a recent campaign stop at the University of Louisville with Alison Lundergan Grimes, the Kentucky secretary of state hoping to unseat Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell.

Cast by critics as a typical



TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., left, and Kentucky Democrat Senatorial candidate Alison Lundergan Grimes wave to supporters at a rally June 29 in Louisville, Ky.

Northeast liberal, Warren, 65, grew up in Oklahoma in a family she said lived on "the ragged edge of the middle class" — an experience that she said helped forge a lifelong interest in advocating for working families trying to get a fair deal in an economic and political system that Warren argues is rigged against them.

Warren found herself thrust into the national political spotlight during a grueling 2012 campaign against incumbent Re-

publican Sen. Scott Brown. It was the most expensive campaign in Massachusetts history, with both candidates raking in tens of millions in donations.

Warren's profile has made her a go-to campaigner for Democratic Senate candidates, in part because as a newer arrival on the political stage, she is free of some of the political albatrosses carried by other top Democrats like President Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton.

Republican governors shifting rhetoric on same-sex marriage

By STEVE LeBLANC
AND ERIC SCHELZIG
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — New states reached this past weekend of an evolution among Republican governors on gay marriage, an explosive social issue that has divided American families and politics for years.

While the Republican Party's religious conservatives continue to fight against same-sex marriage, its governors appear to be backing off their opposition — in their rhetoric, at least. For some, the shift may be more a matter of tone than substance as Republicans try to attract new voters ahead of the November elections. Nonetheless, it is a dramatic turn for a party that has long been defined by socially conservative values.

"I don't think the Republican Party is fighting it," Wisconsin's Republican Gov. Scott Walker said of gay marriage. He spoke with The Associated Press during an interview over the weekend at the National Governors Association in Nashville, Tenn.

"I'm not saying it's not important," said Walker, who is considering a 2016 presidential bid should he survive his re-election test in November. "But Republicans haven't been talking about this. We've been talking about economic and fiscal issues. It's those on the left that are pushing

it."

Walker, like other ambitious Republican governors, is trying to strike a delicate balance.

His comments came just days after he formally appealed a federal judge's ruling striking down Wisconsin's ban on same-sex marriages, a ban he supported. But after his party's disastrous 2012 election, the Republican National Committee commissioned a report calling for more "inclusive and welcoming" tones on divisive social issues — particularly those "involving the treatment and the rights of gays."

Walker explained his court appeal simply as his obligation as governor to defend the state's constitution.

Other Republican governors, including New Jersey's Republican Gov. Chris Christie, opted against appealing similar rulings in their states, clearing the way for gay marriage to become legal. Christie's decision came only after he vetoed his state legislature's initial effort to legalize the practice.

Christie said that same-sex marriage "is a settled issue" in New Jersey, but that the rest of the country would resolve it in time.

"Do I think it's resolved now? No," Christie said. "The overwhelming majority of states in the country still ban same-sex marriage, so I don't think it's time to stop having a discussion."

Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, a Republican, suggested that Republicans are better served by focusing on economic issues.

"I'm a religious conservative, I'm a Catholic, I'm pro-life," he said. "But I think the people of Iowa look to me to provide leadership in bringing good jobs and growing the Iowa economy."

A Gallup poll found in May that national support for same-sex marriage reached an all-time high of 55 percent. That includes 30 percent of Republicans and nearly 8 in 10 young adults from both parties.

Courts across the U.S. repeatedly have struck down gay marriage bans in recent months. The latest such ruling came Wednesday in Colorado, but it's on hold pending an appeal. At least 20 states now allow gay marriages, although the issue may be headed for the Supreme Court.

The high court's landmark ruling last summer allowed married same-sex couples to receive the same federal benefits as other married people but did not specifically address whether gay marriage is a constitutional right.

Democratic governors serving in Republican-leaning states that have banned gay marriage also appear to have softened their stands on the issue. Many said they were looking to the Supreme Court to resolve the issue once and for all.

Border crisis muddles politics of immigration

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Until now, the politics of immigration have been seen as a no-loss proposition for President Barack Obama and the Democrats. If they could get a comprehensive overhaul passed, they would win. And if Republicans blocked it, the GOP would further alienate crucial Hispanic and moderate voters.

With the current crisis on the Southwest border, where authorities have apprehended tens of thousands of unaccompanied Central American children since October, that calculus may be shifting.

Republicans and even some Democrats have accused Obama of being insufficiently engaged in a calamity they say he should have seen coming. The president's own party is deeply divided over what must be done now — particularly on the sensitive question of deporting children who have traveled thousands of miles and have turned themselves in to U.S. authorities to escape from the desperate situations they faced in countries such as Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

Obama's goal is to make clear to adults in Central America there is no payoff for sending their children on the dangerous journey northward, said Cecilia Munoz, the White House domestic policy director.

That, however, means speeding the deportation of most of those who have already arrived, which many in Obama's own party are resisting.

"It's contrary to everything we

stand for as a people to try to summarily send children back to death ... In a place where drug gangs are the greatest threat to stability, rule of law and democratic institutions in this hemisphere," Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, a Democrat, said in Nashville, Tenn., where the National Governors Association was meeting.

Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-Texas, agreed in an interview. "I would like to see him place greater emphasis on the interests of these children who are refugees from extreme violence and instability in their home countries," he said, instead of "an acceleration of the deportation process at the expense of these children."

The plight of the children has become a grim reminder that even the best-intended policies can produce unforeseen consequences.

A 2008 anti-trafficking law that passed Congress nearly unanimously and was signed by President George W. Bush gave new protections to children who were not from neighboring Canada or Mexico, stipulating that their asylum requests be fully adjudicated if they were picked up for being in the country illegally.

Administration officials say smugglers have exploited that statute and the long judicial processes that resulted from it.

Republicans argue that Obama himself sent a signal that the borders were open to younger immigrants when he issued a 2012 executive order that those who met certain requirements be allowed to remain in the country and to work.

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NATION

Colleges regulate sex while barring it

By NICK ANDERSON

The Washington Post

Faced with rising furor over campus sex assaults, colleges across the country are spreading the word to students that it's wrong to have sex with anyone who for whatever reason — drugs, alcohol, exhaustion — has lost the mental capacity to consent.

Some schools also deliver another message: They prohibit sex outside of marriage.

That rule, found at Catholic University in the District of Columbia and certain others with religious affiliations, would seem at first glance to complicate efforts to prevent sexual assault. How can they tell unmarried students who want to have sex about the necessity of obtaining an effective yes when the rule book simply says no?

Schools that face that question say there is no dilemma.

A senior official at CU said the university, which has strong ties to the Vatican, upholds the church doctrine banning premarital sex but is "realistic and clear" with students about any potential sexual activity.

"Our teaching, of course, is that that relationship [should] be a product of exclusive love between two married people," said Lawrence Morris, the university's general counsel and a retired Army colonel. "But any relationship anybody has has to be conducted in a respectful and appropriate manner. So we are just as clear to them, in a way that is consistent with the overall message of the university on that particular matter, about having consciousness of the other party's condition."

Pamphlets that CU distributes to students and policies listed online detail the university's guidance on incapacitation, consent and sexual misconduct, including a statement that consent "cannot be obtained from someone who is mentally or physically incapacitated whether due to drugs, alcohol or some other condition."

CU, with about 6,700 students, is one of dozens of colleges and universities under federal investigation for possible violation of antidiscrimination law in their handling of sexual violence reports. The university said it is cooperating fully and is confident that there will be "a just resolution of this matter."

The probe of CU arose from an incident in December 2012 in which a female student named Erin Cavalier said she was raped by a male student in her dormitory. The man — who was not charged with a crime — told investigators that Cavalier was a willing participant in a sexual encounter.

Cavalier, who recently chose to give a public account of her case, told The Washington Post that she was so drunk that night, she blacked out and never gave consent. An internal university inquiry, which Cavalier said was mishandled, cleared the man of her allegation that his actions violated the student conduct code.

Catholic University has declined to discuss the case.



BRETT COOMER, HOUSTON CHRONICLE/AP

Cassidy Stay, the lone survivor of a family massacre in Houston, lets a balloon go during a community memorial at Lemm Elementary School in Spring, Texas, on Saturday.

Girl who survived the killing of family in Texas recovering

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A suburban Houston girl who survived an attack in which her parents and four younger siblings were killed said she's on the road to recovery.

Cassidy Stay, 15, thanked first responders Saturday while speaking to a crowd at an elementary school in her hometown of Spring, the Houston Chronicle reported. It was her first public appearance since the shootings.

"Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times if one remembers to turn on the light," Stay said, paraphrasing a quote by Albus Dumbledore, the beloved headmaster of the Hogwarts school of wizards from the Harry Potter books.

Stay was released from a hospital Friday, two days after the attack in which her skull was fractured by a bullet graze.

Authorities say her aunt's ex-husband, Ronald Lee Haskell, stormed into the family's home Wednesday and fatally shot her parents and four siblings, who ranged in age from 4 to 13 years old. They say Stay survived by playing dead and called police to warn that Haskell intended to go to her

grandparents' house next.

A video posted on KPRC-TV's website shows Stay's grandfather, Roger Lyons, saying that "without her courage and quick thinking, we might be mourning the death of 20 people today, including myself and nearly all of my children and grandchildren."

Stay recalled feeling as if angels were with her, whispering to her to be quiet, Lyons said. "We have wondered whether those angels might have been her brothers and sisters," he said.

"I'll be able to see them again one day," the girl said of her slain relatives.

People attending the ceremony released hundreds of balloons and tied ribbons of different colors to trees in remembrance of the family.

Haskell, 33, is accused killing the family members after binding them and putting them face-down on the floor of their home.

Haskell had a handful of previous run-ins with law enforcement in Utah, where he had lived with his wife. Neighbors said Haskell's marriage was very rocky.

Heat adds to obstacles in Wash. fire

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Temperatures over 100 degrees are causing problems for crews fighting the Mills Canyon fire in Central Washington.

As of Saturday afternoon, the fire had burned more than 20,000 acres, with 763 people working to contain it even as the heat plagued the effort.

As the hot sun beats down, ground temperatures rise and plants start to dry out, creating more fuel for the fire.

Even in places where the fire had been put out, the chance of reigniting increases on hot days, Mills Canyon fire incident manager Nathan Rabe said Saturday at a media briefing near the command post at Entiat High School in Chelan County.

Tents cover the Entiat school's athletic field, where the firefighters have set up camp. The school gym has been converted to sleeping quarters for most of the night-shift workers. The windows have been darkened to help them adjust to sleeping through the day.

The sleeping areas for the firefighters are strictly off-limits, Rabe said. It's hard enough to keep them rested and hydrated.

"Heat is a huge issue for us," he said.

Heat also is just something you have to acclimate to as a firefighter, said Erin Kimsey, a crewmember who left Oregon on Tuesday night to come fight the fire. Kimsey said it is important to stay hydrated, but a lot of firefighters forget to eat as well. She said it is easy for firefighters to get focused on the mission and forget about taking care of themselves.

While working and wearing all of their equipment, temperatures will feel 10 degrees to 15 degrees hotter, said Adrian Fernandez, Mills Canyon fire medical unit leader.

The fire, which as of Saturday was 22 percent contained, is still growing and very dangerous. The focus for the crews on Saturday was to keep it from spreading to populated areas.

An immediate evacuation level has been recommended for occupants of about 42 buildings, but deputy incident manager Richard Andring said he does not know of anyone who has actually left yet. The Red Cross is operating a shelter for displaced people in Wenatchee.

US education chief derided

LOS ANGELES — The president of the nation's second-largest teachers union said Friday that President Barack Obama's education chief has turned his back on the concerns of teachers and parents, but she stopped short of calling for his ouster.

Teachers unions have been clashing with the Obama administration over its support for charter schools and its push to use student test scores as part of teacher evaluations, a relationship that further frayed after Education Secretary Arne Duncan spoke in support of a California judge's ruling last month that struck down tenure and other job protections for the state's public school teachers.

"We need a secretary of education who walks our walk and fights our fight for the tools and resources we need to help children," American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten said in a speech at a union convention in Los Angeles. "And we are deeply disappointed that this Department of Education has not lived up to that standard."

From The Associated Press

NATION

Ind. bus-car collision kills 1, injures 18

RICHMOND, Ind. — A Greyhound bus and a car collided Sunday on an Indiana highway near the Ohio border, killing one person and injuring at least 18 others, an official said.

The accident happened Sunday morning on Interstate 70 near Richmond, about 70 miles east of Indianapolis. Authorities closed the eastbound lane, where the collision occurred.

Wayne County spokesman Jonathan Duke said one person reportedly was killed and 18 others were taken by ambulance or helicopter to hospitals. He didn't know the extent of the injuries.

Brandi Schroeder, who drove past the accident scene while returning home to Indianapolis from Ohio, said the bus ended up off the shoulder of the highway's eastbound lane and the other vehicle lay crushed in the inbound lane. She said that vehicle had been so badly flattened that she couldn't make out its wheels or whether it had been a car or a truck.

Plane's swastika banner draws ire near NYC

NEW YORK — A banner aiming to change people's minds about what swastikas stand for has stirred outrage after it flew over beaches in New York City and on Long Island.

Some beachgoers were appalled and officials fielded complaints after a plane toted the banner Saturday. The banner featured swastikas, a peace sign, a Star of David and a "pro-swastika" message.

It was arranged by the International Raelian Movement. The group tries annually to remind people that before Hitler's rise, the swastika was an ancient symbol of well-being to Hindus and Buddhists, among others. The Raelians — who believe human beings were created by extraterrestrials — have faced controversy over similar swastika banners in summers past.

Some beachgoers said there's just no way to rehabilitate a symbol that provokes such strong feelings.

NJ police officer fatally shot on robbery call

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — A Jersey City police officer responding to an armed robbery call at a 24-hour drug store was fatally shot early Sunday, officials said. Police shot and killed the suspect.

Officer Melvin Santiago was shot in the head while still in his police vehicle as he and his partner responded to a call at a Walgreens Pharmacy about 4 a.m., Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop said in a statement.

Fulop said Santiago was pronounced dead at Jersey City Medical Center. No other details about the officer were immediately released.

Santiago, 23, is the first Jersey City officer killed in the line of duty since Det. Marco DiVardo was killed in July 2009 during a shoot on an apartment searching for suspects in a robbery.

From The Associated Press



PHOTOS BY TYLER BELL/AP

Construction crews shore up dams with sandbags at the site of a saltwater spill Thursday near Mandaree, N.D. A pipeline leak on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation spilled about 1 million gallons of saltwater, a byproduct of oil and gas production.

Spill spurs worry on ND reservation

By JOSH WOOD

The Associated Press

MANDAREE, N.D. — Growing up, Ruth Anna Buffalo would follow the dirt track behind her house into the rugged North Dakota badlands, swimming in creeks picketed with beaver dams, finding artifacts and climbing bluffs overlooking Lake Sakakawea. For the young, the lake and the land around it were a wonderland.

Buffalo's grandfather, though, looked at the lake with pained eyes. Created by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' building of the Garrison Dam in the 1940s and '50s, it flooded out a significant portion of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and swallowed his town of Ellsworths. Families were forced to leave their homes for higher ground.

Now, drilling rigs are visible in the hills behind Buffalo's childhood home in the small town of Mandaree and the trail to the lake is pockmarked with oil and gas development.

"It feels like this is the modern-day flooding of our land," Buffalo said.

For many American Indians on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation — a land that accounts for 300,000 of the 1 million barrels of oil produced by North Dakota daily — there is a difficult balance between the potential prosperity that oil and gas development can bring and the preservation of a land considered by cultural and religious tradition to be sacred. That dilemma has been brought to the fore this month since 1



A worker builds up a berm Thursday between the saltwater spill area, with dead vegetation, and the seemingly unaffected land near Mandaree, N.D.

million gallons of saltwater, a byproduct of oil and gas production, seeped from an underground pipeline into the badlands near Mandaree.

Crestwood Midstream Partners LP, whose subsidiary Arrow Pipeline LLC owns the pipeline, says the toxic fluid traveled a snaking, nearly 2-mile path down into a ravine, eradicating a 200-yard stretch of vegetation along its way. The company says there is no evidence the saltwater made its way into Lake Sakakawea, which provides drinking water for the reservation.

Among residents of the reservation, there is an environmental concern not often exhibited else-

United States.

But prosperity is difficult to see in Mandaree, which had a population of just under 600 in the 2010 census. Unkempt grass rises in most lawns, some cradling abandoned vehicles or rusting propane tanks. Many dogs traipse the streets. The windows of some homes are boarded up or cracked.

"We should all be basking in wealth, but we're not," said Mandaree resident Katherine Young Bear, 60. "We still have poverty — huge, horrible poverty — on the reservation."

"As far as I'm concerned, they should take it away and be done with it because it's killing our mother earth," she said, referring to oil and gas extraction.

The only shop in town is a small gas station convenience store. Harriet Goodiron, who works there, said radioactive oil filter socks — the tubular nets that strain liquids during the oil production process — were found near her home last year. Oil companies are supposed to haul them to approved waste facilities in other states.

Goodiron is concerned about the lasting impact of oil development on the land and its people.

"Once this is all over, they're going to up and leave, with frack socks laying all over and saltwater spills in our water that we drink," she said. "Now, after that spill happened, whenever I brush my teeth, do I know that the water I'm drinking is it safe? Is it going to give me cancer one day?"

where in North Dakota's booming oil patch. Roadside signs at Mandaree's entrance invoke the wisdom of the elders, encouraging tribal members and visitors to the reservation to respect the land and air around them.

"The elders say land is our mother," reads one. "Don't litter on our mother! Protect our mother!"

Another reads "Water and air is life! Protect our future generation!"

The leadership of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation says oil and gas development in recent years has rescued the reservation from the poverty that afflicts many reservations across the

WORLD

Tensions escalate as Israel hits Gaza

The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel briefly deployed ground troops inside the Gaza Strip for the first time early Sunday as its military warned northern Gaza residents to evacuate their homes, part of a widening offensive that has killed more than 160 Palestinians.

Neither Israel nor Palestinian militants show signs of agreeing to a cease-fire, despite calls by the United Nations Security Council and others to end the increasingly bloody two-day offensive. With Israel massing tanks and soldiers at Gaza's borders, some fear that could signal a wider ground offensive that would cause heavy casualties.

"We don't know when the operation will end," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told a Cabinet meeting Sunday. "It might take a long time."

Early Sunday, Israeli troops launched a brief raid into northern Gaza to destroy what the military described as a rocket-



LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/AP

A Palestinian mourner in Gaza City on Sunday chants slogans at the grave of a member of the Al-Batsh family who was killed in Saturday's Israeli airstrike.

launching site, an operation the military said left four soldiers slightly wounded.

The Israeli air force later dropped leaflets warning residents to evacuate their homes ahead of what Israel's military spokesman described as a "short and temporary" campaign against northern Gaza to begin sometime after 12 p.m.

It was not clear whether the possible attack would be confined to stepped-up airstrikes or whether it might include a sizeable ground offensive. Something that Israel has so far been reluctant to undertake.

As the ultimatum drew near, hundreds fled Beit Lahiya, one of the communities the Israeli announcement affected. Adnan Abu

Hassna, a spokesman for the U.N. agency in charge of aiding Palestinian refugees, said eight schools were opened as temporary shelters and about 4,000 people had moved in.

Israel widened its range of Gaza bombing targets Saturday to include civilian institutions with suspected Hamas ties.

One strike hit a center for the disabled, killing two patients and wounding four people. In a second attack, an Israeli warplane flattened the home of Gaza police chief Tayssir al-Batsh and damaged a nearby mosque as evening prayers ended, killing at least 18 people. Fifty were wounded, including al-Batsh.

Russia says town struck by Ukraine

By LAURA MILLS
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's foreign ministry said Sunday that a Ukrainian shell hit a town on the Russian border, killing one person and seriously injuring two others. Ukraine denied firing a shell into Russian territory.

A statement from Russia's foreign ministry labeled the incident a "provocation," and warned of the possibility of "irreversible consequences, the responsibility for which lies on the Ukrainian side."

Russia said the shell hit the courtyard of a residential building in the Russian town of Donetsk early on Sunday. The town borders Ukraine's east, where a pro-Russia separatist insurgency has waged a three-month-long battle with the Kiev government.

Ukrainian officials denied that any Ukrainian shells had fallen on Russian territory. Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, was quoted by Interfax as saying that Ukrainian forces "do not fire on the territory of a neighboring country. They do not fire on residential areas."

He placed blame for the attack on the rebels, and condemned the shelling as a "provocation."

Russia has made repeated claims that settlements along its porous border with Ukraine — which the West and Kiev say is a key supply route for the rebels — have been hit by Ukrainian fire, but no deaths have been previously reported.

The claims come as President Vladimir Putin, whose nation will host the 2018 World Cup, is attending Sunday's final in Rio de Janeiro to take part in a handover ceremony with Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff and FIFA President Sepp Blatter.



SERGEI PIVOVAROV/AP

Members of a Russian investigative committee examine a house after shelling in the Russian town of Donetsk on Sunday.

Diplomats join effort to advance Iran talks

The Associated Press

VIENNA — Secretary of State John Kerry and fellow foreign ministers are adding their diplomatic muscle to try and advance troubled nuclear talks with Iran, with a target date only one week away for a pact meant to curb programs Tehran could turn to making atomic arms.

Deep differences separate the two sides, and six world powers and Iran appear set to extend their talks past July 20. That would give more time to negotiate a deal that would limit the scope of such programs in exchange for a full lifting of nuclear-related sanctions imposed on Tehran.

"Obviously, we have some very significant gaps still, so we need to see if we can make some progress," Kerry told report-

ers before a meeting with European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, who is convening the talks.

"We are not still in a position to decide about this (possible extension of the talks), but it is generally believed that, if we don't reach a result by July 20, which is the end of the six-month period (of the interim deal), there is not much willingness to extend the deal for another six months," Kerry said. "We ourselves are not so willing to extend it for six months either."

"It is vital to make certain that Iran is not going to develop nuclear weapons, that their program is peaceful," he said. "That's what we are here trying to achieve."

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said "positions are still far apart," and the

ministers had come to "try and narrow differences." British Foreign Secretary William Hague spoke of "very significant gaps."

Kerry arrived Sunday. Britain and Germany also sent their foreign ministers to Austria's capital for talks over the next few days, as has Iran. The top diplomats from China and Russia are sending lower-ranking officials instead, which may reflect their view that an extension is unavoidable.

Still, the most important disputes over how deeply Iran must cut its nuclear program are between Washington and Tehran, so Kerry's presence is crucial. He will be able to talk directly to Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who is at the Vienna negotiations.

North Korea launches 2 more ballistic missiles near border with South

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea launched two ballistic missiles into the sea Sunday, South Korea said, the latest in a series of test firings seen as expressions of anger over the North's failure to win talks on receiving outside aid, and over U.S.-South Korean military drills.

The missiles, believed to be Scud variations, were fired from the North Korean city of Kaesong near the border with the South and had a range of about 311 miles, said a South Korean military official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of department rules.

North Korea experts said it was highly unusual for Pyongyang to fire missiles from a city just 12 miles from the heavily fortified border separating the two Koreas. The North usually test-fires missiles launched from its eastern port city of Wonsan, about 80 miles from the border.

"It is remarkable that missiles were fired from Kaesong, a symbol of North-South cooperation," said Yang Moo-jin, a professor at the University of North Korean Studies in Seoul. "Such action can mount tensions as it suggests that these missiles ... can target the entire Korean Peninsula."

North Korea regularly conducts test firings, but this year has seen an unusually

large number of launches. South Korean officials have confirmed about 90 test firings of missiles, artillery and rockets by the North since Feb. 21. More than 10 of them have been ballistic launches.

North Korea recently has pushed South Korea to accept a set of proposals that it said would reduce bilateral tensions, including the cancellation of regular military drills between Seoul and Washington that Pyongyang insists are preparation for a northern invasion.

Pyeongyang's National Defense Commission released a statement Saturday strongly criticizing the U.S.-South Korean joint naval drills that are reportedly to take

place in Korean waters beginning Wednesday. The NDC also said the landing of the United States' George Washington Carrier Strike Group in South Korea's port city of Busan was a part of America's "reckless nuclear blackmail and threat."

Many in South Korea have doubts over how sincere the impoverished North is about its push to reduce tensions, and analysts see the pressure for better ties as meant in part to eventually win much-needed outside aid and investment. South Korea has rejected the North's proposals, saying it must first demonstrate that it is serious about nuclear disarmament if it truly wants peace.

CRISIS IN IRAQ



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Iraqi lawmaker Abbas al-Bayati, of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's State of Law bloc, reacts after the postponement of an Iraqi parliament session in Baghdad on Sunday.

Iraqi parliament again fails to make progress on new leaders

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN
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The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's deadlocked parliament ended its second session after just 30 minutes Sunday without making any progress toward forming a new government that can unite the country and confront the Sunni militant blitz that has seized control of a huge chunk of the country.

The legislature is under pressure to quickly choose a new speaker of parliament, president and prime minister — the first steps toward a new government. The international community has urged lawmakers to overcome their divisions, while the United Nations has warned of chaos if the political impasse drags on for too long.

Hopes had been raised that lawmakers might at least vote on a speaker of parliament after Sunni blocs announced late Saturday that they had agreed on a candidate for the post, Salim al-Jubouri. But acting parliament speaker Mahdi al-Hafidh was forced to adjourn Sunday's brief meeting, he said, "due to the absence of any agreement on the names of the nominees for the three posts."

"There are still deep differences," he said. "We need more discussions to agree on the names." Al-Hafidh scheduled the next session for Tuesday.

The names aren't the only point of contention. There's also disagreement on whether to choose the speaker, president and prime minister individually or to agree to all three as a sort of package deal — which has been the case in the past.

Under an informal arrangement that took hold after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, the speaker's chair goes to a Sunni, the presidency to a Kurd and the prime minister's post to a Shiite. The greatest disagreement is over prime minister, the most powerful



Shorqi al-Abayachi, a member of the Democratic Alliance political bloc, speaks during a press conference after the session.

position in the country.

The incumbent, Nouri al-Maliki, has ruled the country since 2006 but is now under pressure to step aside. His government's inability to prevent the militant offensive over the past month has sapped public — and international — confidence in his ability to hold Iraq together.

Al-Maliki's opponents, and even many of his former allies, accuse him of trying to monopolize power and alienating the Sunni community, and are pushing him to seek a third consecutive term. Al-Maliki has so far refused to withdraw his candidacy and points to his State of Law bloc's capturing the most seats in April elections to claim he has a mandate.

An audit recording purportedly from Nageebandi leader Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri surfaced overnight in which he hailed the militants' "historic victories" in recent weeks and reserved special praise for the Islamic State group.

Report: At least 30 killed in Baghdad

Los Angeles Times

IRBIL, Iraq — Gunmen stormed a residential complex in an upscale Baghdad neighborhood Saturday, killing at least 30 people, including 28 women, according to Iraqi media.

An unidentified group of armed men raided a building in the eastern Baghdad neighborhood of Zayouna, breaking into "a number of apartments and opening fire on the residents," reported Sumariya television, a private, pro-government channel.

Police cordoned off the area. Initial investigations yielded no evidence about the identity of the killers, or the motive for the attack, Iraqi media reported.

It appears to be one of the worst attacks in the capital since Sunni Arab insurgents

seized vast swaths of the country last month. The killings recalled the carnage of the sectarian civil war of 2006-07, when death squads roamed the streets, killing thousands.

Officials fear a repeat of that bloodletting as the Shiite-led government fights Sunni insurgents north and west of the capital. The fighting has raised sectarian tension in Baghdad and elsewhere.

Unlike many of the capital's districts, Zayouna retains a mix of Shiite and Sunni Muslims, and is home to some members of Iraq's small Christian minority.

South of Baghdad, the Iraqi army seized a large cache of weapons, including explosives and wires used to detonate improvised bombs, according to a statement released Saturday by the Ministry of Defense.

'Secret' CIA facility in Iraq rapidly expanding

Construction suggests closer US ties with Kurds

By MITCHELL PROFFER

McClatchy foreign staff

IRBIL, Iraq — A supposedly secret but locally well-known CIA station on the outskirts of Irbil's airport in Iraq is undergoing rapid expansion as the United States considers whether to engage in a war against Islamist militants who've seized control of half of Iraq in the past month.

Western contractors hired to expand the facility and a local intelligence official confirmed the construction project, which is visible from the main highway linking Irbil to Mosul, the city whose fall June 9 triggered the Islamic State's sweep through northern and central Iraq. Residents around the airport say they can hear daily what they suspect are American drones taking off and landing at the facility.

Expansion of the facility comes as it seems all but certain that the autonomous Kurdish regional government and the central government in Baghdad, never easy partners, are headed for an irrevocable split — complicating any U.S. military hopes of coordinating the two entities' efforts against the Islamic State.

The autonomous Kurdistan Regional Government angered Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki when early in the crisis it sent its peshmarga militia to seize the long-contested city of Kirkuk when Iraqi troops abandoned it. Relations have deteriorated since. On Wednesday, al-Maliki accused Kurdish President Massoud Barzani of sheltering Islamic State members. The next day, Barzani demanded that al-Maliki resign.

Overnight, Kurdish troops seized oil fields operated by Iraq's Northern Oil Co., exports of which had been controlled by the central government, and on Friday, Kurdish legislators began a boycott of the Iraqi government.

The developments come as the U.S., which has said it won't come to Iraq's assistance unless al-Maliki takes steps to make his government more inclusive, is expected to announce early this week its assessment of the military situation in the country. Pentagon officials said the assessment might be made public as early as Monday.

U.S. officials have known for some time that it was likely that they'd need to coordinate any steps the U.S. takes in Baghdad and in Irbil with peshmarga forces. The peshmarga has worked closely over the years with the CIA, U.S. special forces and the Joint Special Operations Command, the military's most secretive task force, which has become a bulwark of counterterrorism operations. Peshmarga forces already are manning checkpoints and bunkers to protect the CIA facility.

"Within a week of the fall of Mosul, we were being told the double-edged sword of our capacities," said one Western logistics contractor who spoke only on the condition of anonymity because he'd signed nondisclosure agreements with the U.S. government on the matter. "They needed everything from warehouse space to refrigeration capacity because they operate under a different logistics command than the normal military or embassy structures," the contractor said. "The expansion was aggressive and immediate."

Other contractors who deal extensively with moving heavy equipment through Irbil's airport, which has supported a rapidly expanding oil and gas drilling industry, said

they were aware of the expansion. One British oil executive said he'd detected a "low-key but steady stream of men, equipment and supplies for an obvious expansion of the facility."

The local Kurdish intelligence official described what was taking place as a "long-term relationship with the Americans."

In a statement July 3, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced that Irbil would host such a center in addition to one being set up in Baghdad, and suggested that it had already begun operating.

"It's no secret that the American special forces and CIA have a close relationship with the peshmarga," said the Kurdish official, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity because he was discussing covert military operations. He added that the facility had operated even "after the Americans were forced out of Iraq by Maliki," a reference to the 2011 U.S. troop withdrawal after the Obama administration and the Iraqi government couldn't agree on a framework for U.S. forces remaining in the country.

The official refused to directly identify the location of the facility, but when he was shown the blurred-out location on an online satellite-mapping service he joked, "The peshmarga do not have the influence to make Google blur an area on these maps. I will leave the rest to your conclusions."

But the official wasn't shy about discussing the past arrangement and potential for a future expansion of the relationship.

"Most of our 'mukhabarat' worked directly alongside both the CIA and the USC through the war in Iraq because of our language ability and long experience battling both Saddam and radical terrorists," he said, using the Arabic term for "information office," usually ascribed to local intelligence.

A special operations officer, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity because he's legally bound not to publicly discuss his career without specific Defense Department permission, said working with the Kurds would overcome a number of difficulties that would be present if U.S. advisers worked with the Iraqi army.

"It's a natural fit that as these guys look around at the collapsed Iraqi army and how all of its remaining competent units are either infiltrated by or directly led by Iranian Revolutionary Guard commanders that they would be a high degree of discomfort directly operating with them," he said. "But the Kurds are trustworthy, reliable and already know how to fight alongside your units. It's a natural fit to run an operation from Irbil with the pesh, while the other advisers in Baghdad try to stem the bleeding of the Iraqi army and protect that huge U.S. embassy complex."

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OPINION

Food fight became combat training?

By JANICE LYNCH SCHUSTER

My adult children complain that I spend too much time on Facebook. But with children grown and flown and a professional life that occurs mostly online and by phone, Facebook is my front porch, a neighborhood bar, a veritable Times Square scrolling through my day.

Although junior high marked the most wretched span of my first 18 years, many of my Facebook friends are from that era. And one, Jimmy, a childhood friend on whom I nursed a crush for years, remains a friend. We went to middle school and high school together and attended the same church and religious education classes.

Ours was the first four-year science and tech class at the then-brand-new Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Md. We weren't there because we scored high on a standardized test and did well in class. At Roosevelt, we were the first in an experiment to see if smart kids could be encouraged to stick with science and math.

Something worked. Many of us went on to successful careers in medicine and science. Even I wound up with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. Jimmy had been in the Marines since spring 1980, when he skipped our high school graduation to report to Parris Island.

He was gone all summer; one night, just before college began, he stopped by to say hello to my sisters and me. We didn't recognize him. That summer at boot camp had stripped the boy away, leaving a hard shell of a good-looking man. For the next four years, we were each other's best pen pals and, whenever we were home, we'd have lunch or a drink together.

Jimmy went to Virginia Military Institute while I attended small Quaker college in North Carolina. I was a loyal correspondent and still have several of Jimmy's letters stashed in a box in my attic. We were such unlikely pen pals.

I remember the odd turns in our sensibilities, especially the year he asked me if I'd ever read anything by Abbie Hoff-

What strikes me most about the incident is the intensity of the commandant's outrage and the severity of the consequences.

man or Jerry Rubin. For reasons I no longer remember, our nickname for Jimmy was "Uncle Jim the Unc of Funk"; I was bemused at this turn in his literary taste. No doubt, I advised that he look into Baba Ram Dass.

Jim excelled academically, eventually becoming the student leader at VMI. I was busy protesting about the contras; he was learning about the Sandinistas and naval engineering.

One letter included news that he had done something that enraged the VMI commandant. He was not stripped of his position of first captain, regimental commander of VMI's cadets, but I sensed from his letter that he had been stripped of his pride. He mentioned "Viking Night," but I never knew what that meant.

This year, 30 years out of college and having retired from the Marine Reserve after nearly 34 years of service, Jimmy posted an image to Facebook, an old, typewritten "Letter of Reprimand" dated September 1983. The commandant wrote: "[Y]ou have acknowledged that on or about 1915 hours, 2 September 1983, in Crozet Hall, Virginia Military Institute, as ranking cadet leader, you authorized a disorder which resulted in misbehavior of the Corps of Cadets."

He catalogued a list of demerits and lost privileges including confiscation of Jimmy's car keys. The commandant wrote: "It is incomprehensible that a cadet officer in the highest leadership position in the Corps would demonstrate such a lack of judgment and moral courage by countenancing such a demonstration of ungentelemanly behavior."

On Facebook, many of Jimmy's classmates and friends commented, "Viking Night," along with smiley faces, exclamation points and happy notes. Finally, I asked what, exactly, that meant. Oh, Jimmy replied, I ordered the cadets to eat without utensils.

Apparently, the ensuing food fight among more than a thousand testosterone-driven young men went wild, destroyed the mess hall and created a clash between the students and administrators.

Intrigued, I found Jimmy's letter about that legendary night. He thought the event had been great fun, positive and morale-boosting and not, he noted, in the least degrading to "the Rats." Asked about it now, he emailed that he thought then, and thinks now, that a better punishment would have been to remove him from command. Instead, he said, the experience taught him leadership lessons that, I imagine, served him during his long career as an officer.

What strikes me most about the incident is the intensity of the commandant's outrage and the severity of the consequences. The revocation of privileges was to last indefinitely. The cadets, Jimmy wrote then, thought it so unjust that they threatened to refuse to march in the school's weekly dress parade.

To me, it seemed like little more than a high school prank gone awry. But from the commandant's perspective of preparing young men (there were no women at VMI in those days) for war, he needed to prepare them for a life-and-death career, where playing games and leadership lapses could cost lives and safety.

A month after that September letter, nearly 250 Marines were killed in their barracks in Lebanon. In the high-stakes world Jimmy and his peers were about to march into, there was no time for childish games.

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US spying on Germany does pointless damage

Washington Post editorial

The latest blow-up between the United States and Germany over spying suggests that the Obama administration has not been observing the president's pitiful foreign policy maxims, "Don't do stupid [stuff]." For a year relations with Berlin have been strained by disclosures of National Security Agency surveillance of German communications and the subsequent refusal of the Obama administration to accept Chancellor Angela Merkel's demand for a no-spying agreement. When it was revealed last fall that Merkel's cellphone had been monitored, President Barack Obama rightly stopped the operation; he had previously ordered a review of foreign spying.

Yet now German investigators appear to have uncovered at least one and possibly two U.S. espionage operations in Berlin using human sources, including an employee of Germany's intelligence agency who allegedly handed over documents in exchange for cash. Dissatisfied with Washington's laconic response to the revelations, Merkel's government demanded Thursday that the CIA station chief in Berlin leave the country, even as it dismissed the intelligence the agency allegedly collected—including information on a parliamentary investigation into the NSA surveillance—as "laughable."

If there was one clear lesson from the dust-up over Merkel's cellphone, it was that

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such operations against allies are almost certainly not worth the damage caused when they are revealed, as they too often are. That is particularly true of Germany, where the public is sensitive about questions of spying and surveillance and where there is currently a generally pro-U.S. government whose cooperation is critical to managing the crisis in Ukraine, negotiations over Iran's nuclear program and a prospective trans-Atlantic free-trade deal, among other matters.

We don't yet know the details of the new cases. But judging from news reports, it appears that, in spite of the review ordered by Obama, the CIA failed to shut down low-value spying operations whose exposure was bound to inflict new damage on a critical relationship. CIA Director John Brennan may have compounded the trouble with damage-control phone calls that only convinced senior German officials that their demands for explanations were not taken seriously. It's hard to disagree with German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble who said, "So much stupidity just makes you want to cry."

As we have said before, there are good

reasons for operations such as the NSA's collection of Internet and phone data in Germany and other friendly countries, including defense against terrorists who plot attacks against or from European cities. For a variety of reasons, a no-spying deal with Germany is probably not practicable. That doesn't mean that intelligence-gathering of the kind apparently revealed recently is sensible. It may compromise the more important counterterrorism work with which German intelligence agencies have quietly cooperated. The revelations fuel anti-Americanism among the German public and strengthen political leaders who would like to loosen Berlin's ties to the United States.

Merkel is known both for her pro-American inclinations and for her sensitivity to German public opinion, so her decision to take the extraordinary step of ordering out the CIA station chief shows just how damaging the latest spying revelations have been. Her intent seems to be to induce Obama to take seriously a matter that, in German eyes, he has brushed off. The correct response would be for him to act quickly and forcefully to repair the damage.

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NATION



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A veteran with post-traumatic stress sits in a segregated holding pen at the Cook County Jail in Chicago on June 26 after he was arrested on a narcotics charge.

Jails struggle with role as makeshift asylums

By ADAM GELLER
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Peering through the chain link of a holding pen at the Cook County Jail, a man wrapped in a navy varsity jacket leans toward clinical social worker Elli Petacque Montgomery, his bulging eyes a clue that something's not right.

"They say I got bipolar, that's all," he said.

"OK, are you taking your meds?" she asked.

"When I can get them," he answered.

"I'm down here every day," Montgomery said. "Every morning, I hear this."

The Chicago jail and many of its 3,300 counterparts across the country have become treatment centers of last resort for people with serious mental illnesses, most arrested for nonviolent crimes. Like other jails, it is awash in a tide of booking and releases that make it particularly unsuited for the task.

U.S. jails, most of whose 731,000 inmates are trying to make bail or are awaiting trial, hold roughly half the number in prisons. But last year, jails booked in 11.7 million people — 19 times the number of new prison inmates. The revolving door complicates the task of screening for mental illness, managing medications, providing care and ensuring inmate safety.

"Jails are churning people," said Henry J. Steadman, a consultant to government agencies on how courts and correctional facilities deal with people with mental illnesses.

'You're given a court order by a judge to hold this person in the jail until you're told not to. ... You're not in there trying to cure people.'

Cook County, Ill., Sheriff Tom Dart

Experts have pointed to rising numbers of inmates with mental illnesses since the 1970s after states began closing psychiatric hospitals without following through on promises to create and sustain comprehensive community treatment programs.

As the number of those with serious mental illnesses surpasses 20 percent in some jails, many have struggled to keep up, sometimes putting inmates in jeopardy.

The Associated Press has reported that at least nine of the 11 suicides in New York City jails during the past five years came after operators failed to follow safeguards designed to prevent self-harm by inmates. The AP's investigation into the deaths of two mentally ill inmates at the city's Rikers Island complex — one who essentially bled to death in a 101-degree cell in February and the other who sexually mutilated himself last fall — have prompted promises of reform.

Federal law protects the rights of people in jails and other institutions. But in temporary holding facilities, dealing with serious, long-term mental illnesses requires operators to rethink what they do, Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart said.

"You're given a court order by a judge to hold this person in the jail until you're told not to," Dart said. "You're not supposed to do anything other than feed him, give them a bed, make sure they don't harm anyone else or themselves. ... You're not in there trying to cure people."

Many jails are dealing with similar dynamics, with sometimes disturbing results. ■ In June, federal officials cited "deplorable" conditions for mentally ill inmates in the Los Angeles County jails as partly to blame for 15 suicides in 30 months. The L.A. system — the country's largest, with 19,000 inmates — has been under federal supervision since 2002 but still fails to adequately supervise inmates "with clearly demonstrated needs," the Justice Department concluded.

■ In Pensacola, Fla., Justice officials last year issued a scathing report about conditions at the Escambia County Jail. Records showed many inmates who requested care were never seen by mental health professionals. When inmates refused to take medications, the jail merely removed them from its list of those with mental illnesses.

■ In Columbus, Neb. — seat of a county of 33,000 — six Platte



Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, top, talks with William, an inmate in the Cook County Jail's Division 2 Dorm 2 in June.

County Detention Center inmates attempted suicide early this year, as many as in the previous 10 years combined. Jon Zavadil, the recently retired sheriff, said about 80 percent of all inmates were medicated for some type of mental illness.

Researchers long warned mental illness was being "criminalized" as police arrested more people for low-level offenses.

In the 1980s, researchers found about 6 percent of inmates showed signs of serious mental illness. A survey published in 2009 found 17 percent of jail inmates with serious mental illnesses. Individual jails report far greater numbers.

Today, many of those jailed with mental illnesses have grown up in a system that is full of holes.

"Even what we had when I started doing this work in 1988 was better than what we have now," said Nancy Koenigsberg, legal director for Disability Rights New Mexico, which helped bring suit against her state's Dona Ana County Detention Center in 2010 for mistreating mentally ill

inmates.

While the jail has since increased its mental health staff, New Mexico cities and counties have continued closing drop-in centers and other programs that help maintain treatment.

Many people wind up repeatedly picked up for relatively minor crimes.

Chicago's jail can offer an island of stability for inmates with mental illnesses, Dart said. In coming months, Dart plans to convert a former boot camp into a transition center to help those with mental illnesses after release.

But William, 62, an inmate who said he's been jailed nine or 10 times for theft to support a drug habit, is doubtful. Many judges dismiss mental illness as a factor in crimes, said the inmate, diagnosed with depression, anxiety and symptoms of bipolar disorder. Outside jail, treatment is hard to get.

"Once we leave here," he said, "we're back on doom street."

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

Scientists developing reading device for visually impaired that offers ...

By RODRIQUE NGOWI
The Associated Press

Scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are developing an audio reading device to be worn on the index finger of people whose vision is impaired, giving them affordable and immediate access to printed words.

The so-called FingerReader, a prototype produced by a 3-D printer, fits like a ring on the user's finger, equipped with a small camera that scans text. A synthesized voice reads words aloud, quickly translating books, restaurant menus and other needed materials for daily living, especially away from home or office.

Reading is as easy as pointing the finger at text. Special software tracks the finger movement, identifies words and processes the information. The device

has vibration motors that alert readers when they stray from the script, said Roy Shilkrot, who is developing the device at the MIT Media Lab.

For Jerry Berrier, 62, who was born blind, the promise of the FingerReader is its portability and offer of real-time functionality at school, a doctor's office and restaurants.

"When I go to the doctor's office, there may be forms that I wanna read before I sign them," Berrier said.

He said there are other optical character recognition devices on the market for those with vision impairments, but none that he knows of that will read in real time.

Berrier manages training and evaluation for a federal program that distributes technology to low-income people in Massachusetts and Rhode Island who have lost their sight and hearing. He works from the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Mass.

"Everywhere we go, for folks who are sighted, there are things that inform us about the products that we are about to interact with," Berrier said. "I wanna be able to interact with those same products, regardless of how I have to do it."

Pattie Maes, an MIT professor who founded and leads the Fluid Interfaces research group developing the prototype, said the FingerReader is like "reading with the tip of your finger, and it's a lot more flexible, a lot more immediate than any solution that they have right now." Developing the gizmo has taken three years of software coding, experimenting with various designs and working on feedback from a test group of visually impaired people. Much work remains before it is ready for the market, Shilkrot said, including making it work on cellphones.

Shilkrot said developers believe they will be able to affordably market the FingerReader, but he could not estimate a price. The potential market includes some of the 11.2 million people in the United States with vision impairment, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

Current technology used in homes and offices offers cumbersome scanners that must process the desired script before it can be read aloud by character-recognition software installed on a computer or smartphone, Shilkrot said. The FingerReader would not replace Braille — the system of raised dots that form words, interpreted by touch. Instead, Shilkrot said, the new device would enable users to access a vast number of books and other materials that are not currently available in Braille.

Berrier said affordable pricing could make the FingerReader a key tool to help people with vision impairment integrate into the modern information economy.

"Any tool that we can get that gives us better access to printed material helps us to live fuller, richer, more productive lives, Berrier said.



PHOTOS BY STEPHAN SAVOIA/AP

... A touch of sight



FingerReader rings are demonstrated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Media Lab in Cambridge.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Guam-bound plane diverted to Midway atoll

HI HONOLULU — A United Airlines flight from Honolulu to Guam was diverted to the remote island of Midway because of a mechanical issue.

The airline said Friday it flew the 335 passengers and 13 crewmembers from Flight 201 back to Honolulu. It put Guam-bound passengers on another flight to the U.S. territory.

The Boeing 777 was heading to Guam on Thursday when it was diverted. United said replacement aircraft brought passengers back to Honolulu on Friday morning.

The Navy used the atoll 1,300 miles northwest of Honolulu as a base during the Cold War but left in 1996.

Woman awakes to swimsuit-clad intruder

NM ALBUQUERQUE — A man wanted on child pornography charges is in custody after breaking into an Albuquerque home wearing a woman's bathing suit.

Albuquerque police said a woman called 911 on Friday morning after she woke up and saw Jacob Segura, 22, standing in her bedroom doorway. The woman told the dispatcher Segura was wearing a woman's bathing suit and a purple robe and claimed to be an angel sent to protect her.

Officers arrested Segura, who told them he was high on methamphetamine. Authorities said he entered the home through an unlocked back door.

Police said there was an outstanding warrant for Segura in Roswell for child exploitation and possession of child pornography.

Police cleared in fatal shooting at US Capitol

DC WASHINGTON — Two federal police officers were legally justified in fatally shooting Miriam Carey in October after she rammed a White House barrier and led authorities on a high-speed pursuit to the U.S. Capitol, the U.S. attorney's office said Thursday.

The officers from the U.S. Secret Service and U.S. Capitol Police each fired nine rounds in the final confrontation Oct. 3, authorities said, hitting the 34-year-old woman five times.

Prosecutors noted the entire incident took only seven minutes and included attempted breaches at the White House and Capitol complex and that police twice opened fire on the black Infiniti on crowded streets, including firing eight shots at Garfield Circle after police said Carey drove onto a sidewalk and forced officers to jump out of the way.

Prosecutors "concluded that the evidence was insufficient to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the officers who were involved in the shooting used excessive force," according to U.S. Attorney Ronald Machen Jr.

Transgender women say DMV mistreated them

WV CHARLESTON — Two transgender

THE CENSUS

40 The number of years a 48-foot female humpback whale had been seen in the waters of southeast Alaska before she was found dead on July 1. Officials determined that the whale, known by several names including Max and No. 539, was killed in a collision with a boat. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Friday that the whale's left jawbone was fractured and the right was dislocated. Officials said the whale was first seen in 1975 in southeast Alaska. She had at least five calves and they produced at least three more.



BUTCH COMEYCS, THE SCRANTON (Pa.) TIMES-TRIBUNE/AP

Scoot to the sky

Brandon Franchak, 13, of Carbondale, Pa., glides in the summer air on his scooter Thursday at Carbondale Skate Park.

women said they were ordered to remove their makeup, jewelry and wigs at West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles offices if they wanted new driver's license photos.

Trudy Kitzmiller said employees at offices in Martinsburg belittled her, calling her a genderless "it." Kristen Skinner described similar treatment in Charles Town.

The Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund last month wrote state transportation officials to ask for new photos for the women. The letter said denying them a new photo would violate constitutional free speech rights.

Motor Vehicles acting chief Steven Dale said wearing makeup as a man could qualify as trying to conceal or disguise one's identity.

Meat mystery on road causes big stink

NY QUEENSBURY — Some car owners are raising a stink after meat met motorists in an upstate New York town.

The Post-Star of Glens Falls reported Saturday on the meat mystery in Queensbury, about 60 miles

north of Albany. Dozens of chunks of meat cropped up on a road by a mall Thursday afternoon.

No one's sure where it came from. Police believe it fell off a truck that might have been heading from a farm or slaughterhouse to a rendering plant.

The state Department of Transportation cleaned it up, but drivers such as James Teele were still dealing with the aftermath Friday. He immediately went to a car wash after driving through the mess but he said his SUV still smells like rotting meat.

Man sentenced for stealing zoo's tortoise

NE LINCOLN — A man who pleaded guilty to stealing a red-footed tortoise last year from the Lincoln Children's Zoo has been sentenced to 180 days in jail.

The Lincoln Journal Star reported that Michael Sullivan, 25, was sentenced Friday.

The tortoise, named Captain Hook, went missing in March 2013 from her enclosure. Zoo officials said they didn't report her stolen or missing because they thought she would turn up.

Zoo officials said they received an anonymous tip in June that someone had stolen the tortoise and was keeping it as a pet.

A woman at the address where the tortoise was found said Sullivan showed up around 3 a.m. one day and she gave her daughter the tortoise as a present.

Humpty Dumpty to be rebuilt after fall

OR SALEM — The nursery rhyme proved right: Humpty Dumpty couldn't be put together again.

But the owner of an Oregon tourist attraction vows to build Humpty anew.

Earlier this month, two men planning a photograph jumped on the wall where the statue of rebar, cement, sand and plaster had sat for 40 years. And Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

Sculptor Roger Tofte, 84, told the Salem Statesman Journal that Humpty was in too many pieces to fix, but the two men offered to pay for a new one. He said it will take a month to build.

Tofte has been running the Enchanted Forest along Interstate 5 south of Salem since 1971. It is

20 acres of rides and sculptures based on fairy tales and nursery rhymes.

Package stores foil bid to change alcohol laws

IN INDIANAPOLIS — Political observers say home-court advantage by locally owned package stores may be the reason why they have been so successful in blocking attempts to lift Indiana's ban on Sunday retail alcohol sales and to allow grocery, drug and convenience stores to sell cold beer.

The General Assembly has consistently rejected efforts to change those laws, and U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young last month ruled Indiana has the right to decide who can sell cold beer.

The director of the Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne told The Indianapolis Star the debate over alcohol sales is unique. Andy Downs said it often breaks down by legislative district rather than party lines. He said lawmakers don't want to hurt local businesses.

From wire reports

FACES



Tour de force

Fall Out Boy, Paramore bouncing back side by side

By SCOTT MERVIS
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Monumentour is a co-headlining tour, not an arms race, so there's no need for Paramore and Fall Out Boy to turn it into a competition. Right?

"You're on the same team, at the end of the day, and you're both trying to win for the team," Fall Out Boy guitarist-lyricist Pete Wentz said in a recent teleconference. "Paramore is an awesome, huge band that has a completely different vibe than us, and I think that raises the bar for us in wanting to perform every night."

"To me, any competition is friendly competition," Paramore singer Hayley Williams said in a separate teleconference. "I just feel excited for it. For us, we just have to put on the best Paramore show ever. Everything has to top the last thing we did."

The bands hadn't crossed paths before but share "a similar DNA," as Wentz said, and a similar time and space in the pop/rock continuum.

"Our bands really did grow from the same scene, and we share a lot of the same fans," Williams said.

Fall Out Boy came out of the Chicago suburbs and hit the emo/pop-punk scene in 2003 with the Fueled by Ramen debut "Take This to Your Grave." The band jumped to Island for the second album, "From Under the Cork Tree," beginning a successful two-album run of singles over the next few years with "Sugar, We're Goin' Down," "Dance, Dance," "This Ain't a Scene, It's an Arms Race" and "Thanks fr th Mmrs." By 2008, Fall Out was greeted by fan fatigue with the release of the more adventurous, genre-leaving "Folie a Deux."

The flop prompted a hiatus that ended with 2013's "Save Rock and Roll," a surprise chart-topping comeback fueled by a single, "My Songs Know What You Did in the Dark (Light Em Up)," that turned into a sports anthem.

"When we made ('Folie a Deux'), I think we maybe reached a little beyond what people kind of expected or were comfortable with at the time, and some of it maybe fell short. ... But at the same time I think that that paved the way for us to do 'Save Rock and Roll' and move beyond what people would have normally expected."

Fall Out Boy played an arena tour in the fall before continuing the cycle with Monumentour.

"Being able to get into amphitheaters is great," he said. "I guess we didn't even have the hope of that when we started this album process. But doing that we have a lot of different content for this tour."

Paramore is in a different kind of comeback mode. The group from Franklin, Tenn., launched as a teen band in 2005 with "All We Know Is Falling," also on Fueled by Ramen, and hit the Warped Tour the following summer. The second album, "Riot!," in 2007, brought commercial success with the singles "Misery Business" and "crushcrushcrush" and "That's What You Get," and a Grammy nomination for best new artist. Williams stepped outside the band to experience her biggest success with a chart-topping collaboration with rapper Bo.B. on "Airplanes."

In the wake of that, founding members Josh and Zac Farro departed from the band, with Josh blogging that Paramore was functioning like it was Williams' solo band. That left the singer, with guitarist Taylor York and bassist Jeremy Davis, to regroup for what would become their fourth album.

"It was definitely a lengthy process for us because once we were down two band members, not only did we have to go through the emotional processing and the grief, some anger and some bewilderment, all those emotions we had to ride for a while, we realized we did still want to make music and it didn't change the way we felt about Paramore. Before we even got around to writing music, that took time. It took us making a valiant effort to get to know each other again as people."

The self-titled fourth album, debuting at No. 1, is more expansive, playful and up-tempo, with the hits "Still Into You" and "Ain't It Fun," the band's first venture into the Top 10.

"I don't think you should ever just assume a single is going to be your big hit or be a success," she said. "But this by far has just shocked all of us, and it's been so much fun."



See-Saw Films/AP

Holmes, we presume

British actor Ian McKellen has revealed the first photograph of himself playing a 93-year-old Sherlock Holmes. Filming has begun on "Mr. Holmes," which imagines the famous sleuth in his old age as a retiree living in seclusion by the sea.

McKellen, 75, said in his tweet: "Over 70 actors have previously played Sherlock Holmes. Now he's 93 years old and it's my turn."

— The Associated Press

Garth Brooks doing digital music his way

The Associated Press

Garth Brooks is finally embracing digital music, but he's doing it his own way.

Brooks, one of the last holdout big-name musicians still refusing to put his music on iTunes, said June 10 he will make his back catalog of hits and his new music available for download, but only through his own website. He said the digital downloads of previous music would be available in a few weeks to tide fans over until a new album comes out later this year.

The 52-year-old country star remains one of music's top-selling artists, with 134 million albums sold, according to the Recording Industry Association of America. He has said in the past that he had no animosity toward Apple, but disagreed with its approach to selling music.

Other performers who refused to join iTunes but later reached deals include AC/DC, Radiohead and Led Zeppelin.

"So, we'll be doing our digital the best way we can, the only way we know how, because we are the only ones who kind of play our own way," Brooks said at a press conference in Las Vegas last week.

He also announced a new deal with the Sony Music label, which will put out an album of his first new music since 2001. Brooks said it would likely be issued sometime around Black Friday.

Brooks entered semi-retirement in 2001, near the height of his popularity to be with his family.

The Country Music Hall of Fame mem-

ber said he's grateful for his fans sticking around during his time off from the road.

"A second half of a career isn't granted," Brooks said. "I'm not saying that's what I have now, but you have given me a shot to have it."



Brooks

But he acknowledged a rocky start to his return to the stage. A series of Ireland shows later this month billed as his "Comeback Special" was canceled after a battle between venue owners and local residents.

Brooks had expanded the number of shows he was to play at Croke Park stadium in Dublin because of demand, but the Dublin City Council last week refused to grant permission for five shows, saying they would cause "an unacceptable level of disruption" for residents and businesses.

Brooks said tickets had already been sold for five shows and if he couldn't play them all, he would play none.

"And if the prime minister himself wants to talk to me, I will come, I will. I will fly over there this weekend," Brooks said. "Sit in front of him, I will drop on my knees and beg for those 400,000 people to just have fun and let them come see."

ABC says O'Donnell will return to co-host 'The View'

Rosie O'Donnell will return to ABC's

"The View" this September for a most unexpected second act.

ABC announced July 10, via Twitter, that O'Donnell will join Whoopi Goldberg on the nearly empty couch at the daytime chatfest. Show creator Barbara Walters retired this spring from on-air appearances, Sherri Shepherd announced she was leaving after seven years and ABC didn't renew the contract of Jenny McCarthy after only one season.

O'Donnell, the veteran comedian whose daytime talk show was wildly popular in the 1990s, spent a combative eight months on "The View," ending in 2007.

Queen Latifah, Beyonce and Jay Z heading to HBO

Beyonce and Jay Z will co-star in an HBO concert special, and Queen Latifah will play legendary blues singer Bessie Smith in a movie for the network.

The music special will feature the married couple on their "On the Run Tour" performing in Paris. It will tape Sept. 12 and 13 at the Stade de France, featuring the superstars performing more than 40 songs, the network announced. It will air in September.

Starring Queen Latifah, "Bessie" is written and directed by Dee Rees ("Pariah"). Currently in production in Atlanta, it co-stars Michael K. Williams, Khandi Alexander, Charles S. Dutton, Oliver Platt and Mo'Nique. It premieres in 2015.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Farnborough air show set for takeoff

By DANICA KIRKA
The Associated Press

LONDON — A lot is at stake in the Farnborough International Airshow, the aviation industry's biggest annual event, which opens Monday.

The trade show is expected to see the first presentation of the world's most advanced fighter jet, new commercial aircraft and a host of new technological advances that promise to give a glimpse of the future of flying.

Held just outside London, the show features 1,500 exhibitors from 40 countries and some 100,000 industry representatives. Manufacturers who attend find their closest comrades — and their most bitter competitors. Aviation giants Boeing and Airbus are expected to announce new orders in their annual race for the title of the world's biggest plane maker.

Load and quiet

Above all, there are two planes

that aviation experts want to see at Farnborough — the F-35 Lightning II fighter and the Airbus A350 — two feats of engineering that offer a contrast in the world of the skies.

The F-35 is the sort of plane that puts a rumble in your chest. What's important is that it combines stealth, maneuverability and attack capabilities in a single aircraft, so the U.S. and its allies can replace a variety of aging planes with the F-35. It's also loud and fast, the sort of thing that gets aviation enthusiasts excited.

"You don't get a new-generation aircraft very often," aviation expert Howard Wheelodon said. "This is something very, very new."

But there is doubt it will appear. The fighter, made by a group of companies led by Lockheed Martin, was grounded in the U.S. after an engine fire last month, and it remains unclear whether it will be on display at Farnborough. The F-35 missed its international

debut at a military air show last week, so there will be a lot of pressure to get it to Farnborough. While it's not unusual for planes in development to have problems, it's embarrassing to miss an event where you can strut your stuff before politicians and cameras.

On the other end of the noise spectrum is the other headline attraction, the A350, which is supposed to be very, very quiet.

Airbus's newest plane, the A350, has various configurations designed to seat 250 to 400 passengers and to compete with a variety of Boeing aircraft. Airbus says it is the first commercial aircraft built mainly from "advanced materials," which will make it 25 percent more fuel-efficient than existing planes. It's also supposed to be very quiet and offers more room for passengers.

Airbus is under pressure to give it a good showing and to announce some new sales after Dubai-based airline Emirates canceled a huge order for 70 of them last month.

Drones

Drones have a reputation as military aircraft that kill people. Besides that, some people find little, whizzy things in the sky a bit scary. When the Los Angeles Kings won the Stanley Cup, for example, joyful fans attacked a drone hovering over the scene, throwing objects at it and knocking it into the crowd, where it was smashed to bits.

Manufacturers are hoping they can offer a makeover, promoting an array of other uses, from policing and surveillance to sports photography and wildlife monitoring. The Teal Group estimates that \$89.1 billion will be spent on drones in the next decade, and some analysts suggest that the next aviation giant will be a drone maker.

"It's probably the most dynamic, innovative air sector at the moment," said Tim Robinson, editor in chief of Aerospace, the monthly magazine of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (July 14)	\$1.3968
Dollar buys (July 14)	€0.7159
British pound (July 14)	\$1.75
Japanese yen (July 14)	99.00
South Korean won (July 14)	992.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.7117/0.5842
Canada (dollar)	1.0733
China (Yuan)	6.2052
Denmark (Krone)	\$5.4787
Egypt (Pound)	7.1506
Euro	\$1.3609/0.7348
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7501
Hungary (Forint)	227.83
Israel (Shekel)	3.4268
Japan (Yen)	101.33
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2820
Norway (Krone)	6.1771
Philippines (Peso)	43.48
Poland (Zloty)	3.40
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2408
South Korea (Won)	1,021.03
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8921
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.15
Turkey (New Lira)	2.1188
Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to the pound, except for the U.S. dollar, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.75
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	3.34

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Able, Tex	95	73	Pdly	Chatanooga	91	72	Rain	Fort Wayne	79	65	Cldy	Louisville	86	73	Rain	Pocatello	96	66	Pdly
Akron, Ohio	81	67	Cldy	Chicago	77	62	Pdly	Fresno	106	74	Pdly	Lubbock	93	69	Pdly	Portland, Maine	69	56	Rain
Albany, N.Y.	82	70	Rain	Cincinnati	82	70	Cldy	Goodland	84	63	Cldy	Macon	95	71	Pdly	Portland, Ore.	81	66	Pdly
Albuquerque	89	67	Cldy	Cleveland	80	68	Cldy	Grand Rapids	74	60	Pdly	Medford	101	66	Cldy	Pueblo	87	61	Pdly
Allentown, Pa.	86	70	Rain	Colorado Springs	82	58	Pdly	Great Falls	86	65	Pdly	Memphis	91	76	Rain	Rapid City	93	72	Cldy
Amarillo	87	67	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	86	74	Pdly	Green Bay	86	66	Rain	Miami Beach	89	79	Pdly	Reino	103	69	Rain
Anchorage	66	51	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	94	73	Pdly	Greensboro, N.C.	91	71	Cldy	Midland-Odessa	97	69	Cldy	Richmond	95	73	Cldy
Asheville	85	69	Rain	Columbus, Ohio	82	69	Cldy	Hartford	89	72	Rain	Milwaukee	72	60	Cldy	Rochester	79	65	Cldy
Atlanta	92	72	Pdly	Concord, N.H.	83	65	Rain	Harrisburg	85	70	Rain	Missoula	92	59	Cldy	Salt Lake City	100	71	Cldy
Atlantic City	90	73	Rain	Corpus Christi	93	73	Pdly	Helena	88	59	Cldy	Mpls-St Paul	64	57	Cldy	San Antonio	88	69	Pdly
Austin	92	74	Rain	Dallas-Ft Worth	101	79	Pdly	Honolulu	89	76	Pdly	Norfolk, Va.	93	74	Pdly	San Diego	78	71	Cldy
Baltimore	92	74	Rain	Dayton	80	68	Cldy	Houston	97	75	Pdly	Omaha	77	65	Pdly	San Francisco	77	57	Pdly
Baton Rouge	83	74	Cldy	Daytona Beach	90	76	Cldy	Huntsville	92	73	Rain	Nashville	89	74	Rain	Seattle	84	60	Cldy
Bilings	82	58	Cldy	Denver	84	59	Cldy	Indianapolis	81	67	Cldy	New Orleans	87	72	Rain	Shreveport	96	75	Pdly
Birmingham	91	75	Pdly	Des Moines	74	62	Pdly	Jacksonville	94	73	Pdly	New York City	85	73	Rain	St. Louis	90	80	Cldy
Bismarck	68	49	Cldy	Detroit	77	64	Cldy	Jacksonville	91	74	Cldy	Newark	87	73	Rain	St. Paul	100	71	Cldy
Boise	101	70	Cldy	Duluth	81	50	Rain	Juneau	68	55	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	93	74	Pdly	St. Thomas	90	80	Cldy
Boston	85	71	Pdly	El Paso	97	76	Pdly	Kansas City	81	68	Cldy	North Platte	79	65	Pdly	St. Thomas	90	80	Cldy
Bridgeport	85	70	Rain	Elkins	81	65	Rain	Knoxville	91	83	Pdly	Oklahoma City	74	73	Cldy	St. Thomas	90	80	Cldy
Brownsville	93	75	Pdly	Erie	77	67	Cldy	Key West	90	70	Rain	Omaha	77	65	Pdly	St. Thomas	90	80	Cldy
Buffalo	79	65	Cldy	Eugene	91	58	Pdly	Lansing	84	71	Rain	Orlando	92	74	Cldy	St. Thomas	90	80	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	82	77	Cldy	Evansville	87	71	Cldy	Las Vegas	106	86	Cldy	Pasadena	88	72	Rain	St. Thomas	90	80	Cldy
Caribou, Maine	81	62	Cldy	Fairbanks	60	51	Rain	Las Vegas	106	86	Cldy	Pendleton	100	68	Pdly	St. Thomas	90	80	Cldy
Charleston, S.C.	95	73	Pdly	Fargo	66	51	Cldy	Lexington	84	71	Rain	Philadelphia	91	73	Rain	St. Thomas	90	80	Cldy
Charleston, W.Va.	95	73	Pdly	Flagstaff	80	54	Rain	Lincoln	80	64	Pdly	Phoenix	105	87	Cldy	St. Thomas	90	80	Cldy
Charlotte, N.C.	92	72	Pdly	Flint	74	59	Cldy	Little Rock	94	75	Cldy	Pittsburgh	80	69	Cldy	St. Thomas	90	80	Cldy
				Fort Smith	95	74	Cldy	Los Angeles	84	69	Cldy								

National temperature extremes

Hi: Sat. 118, Death Valley, Calif.
Lo: Sat. 18, St. Louis, Mo.

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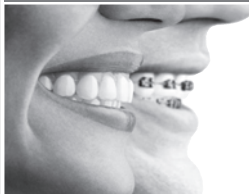
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals L

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Deals

Saturday's transactions

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE — Options RHP Miguel Gonzalez to Norfolk (L). Recalled RHP Kevin Gausman and C Steve Lougher from Norfolk (L).

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Options RHP Andre Rienzo to Charlotte (L).

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Acquired LHP Nick Maronde from the Los Angeles Angels for a player to be named or cash and options to the minor leagues. Transferred DH Jason Giambi from the 15- to the 60-day DL. Options RHP Vinny Pecorella to Columbus (L). Assigned RHP Mark Lowe outright to Columbus. Recalled RHP Zach McAllister from Columbus.

HOUSTON ASTROS — RHP Colton Clark on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 7. Recalled LHP Brett Oberholzer from Norfolk (L).

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Options RHP Drew Ruzinski (L). Recalled INF Renner from Salt Lake (L).

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed LHP Jake McCue on paternity leave. Reinstated SS Yunel Escobar from the 15-day DL.

TEXAS RANGERS — Options RHP Aaron Poreba to Round Rock (L). Selected RHP David Buchanan to Lehigh Valley (L). Recalled RHP Ryan Hanrahan from the 15-day DL. Options RHP Drew Pomeroy to Salt Lake (L).

NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed INF Jose Pagan on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Michael Pineda from Salt Lake (L).

AKLAND ATHLETICS — Options INF Alberto Callaspo on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Tony Parra from Sacramento (L).

ST. LOUIS BRUINS — Placed LHP Mike Nease on the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Mike Nease from the 15-day DL.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Assigned RHP Pedro Martinez to Louisville (L). Recalled INF Neftali Feliz from the 15-day DL.

CHICAGO CUBS — Sent 2B Emilio Bonifacio to the AZL. Recalled RHP Jonny Lee from the AZL.

CINCINNATI REDS — Options RHP Cesar Cedeño to Louisville (L). Recalled INF Neftali Feliz from the 15-day DL.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent LHP Scott Elbert to Rancho Cucamonga (CA) for a rehab assignment.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Placed SS Sean Segura on the bereavement list and LHP Wei-Chiang Wang on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 9. Recalled RHP Jimmy Nelson and INF Elian Herrera from Nashville (L).

NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with LHP Joel Peralta on a one-year contract. Sent C Taylor Teagarden to the GCL. Mets rehab assignment.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Placed C Carlos Ruiz on the 15-day DL. Options RHP David Buchanan to Lehigh Valley (L). Selected the contract of OF Graydon Bell from Lehigh Valley. Transferred LHP Cliff Lee to the 60-day DL.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with LHP Jeff Poreba on a one-year contract. Sent C Taylor Teagarden to the GCL. Mets rehab assignment.

LOS ANGELES CARDINALS — Designated OF Mike O'Neill for assignment. Options C Audrey Perez to Memphis (L).

National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE HORNETS — Traded C Brendan Haywood and F Dwight Howard to Cleveland for G Scotty Hopson and cash considerations.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Signed C Chris Carter to a two-year contract.

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Signed C Vince Carter to a three-year contract.

SACRAMENTO KINGS — Signed G Isaiah Thomas and traded him to Phoenix for the rights to ALEX ORLANDO and a \$7 million trade exception.

SALT LAKE CITY STARS — Re-signed G Patty Mills. Signed F Kyle Anderson.

UTAH JAZZ — Matched Charlotte's offer of F Ian Hawley on a one-year, entry-level contract.

National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES — Signed C Ryan O'Reilly to a three-year contract. Agreed to terms with R Jordan Eberle on a one-year, entry-level contract.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
PHILADELPHIA UNION — Acquired F Brad Brown from Houston (L).

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL FEDERATION — Named Ron Radignaga executive director.

Pro soccer

MLS Eastern Conference										
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA		W	L	T
D.C. Sporting KC	8	5	5	29	25	16		8	5	5
Toronto FC	7	5	5	24	23	20		7	5	5
New England	7	5	5	22	21	24		7	5	5
New York	5	5	5	23	20	27		5	5	5
Philadelphia	4	8	7	19	29	33		4	8	7
Chicago	5	11	10	18	20	38		5	11	10
Houston	5	11	10	18	20	38		5	11	10
Portland	4	8	7	19	29	33		4	8	7
Montreal	5	11	10	18	20	38		5	11	10

Western Conference										
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA		W	L	T
Seattle	7	4	7	28	27	24		7	4	7
Real Salt Lake	7	4	7	28	27	24		7	4	7
Colorado	7	4	7	28	27	24		7	4	7
FC Dallas	7	4	7	28	27	24		7	4	7
Vancouver	6	4	7	25	25	25		6	4	7
Los Angeles	6	3	6	24	23	20		6	3	6
Chivas USA	6	3	6	24	23	20		6	3	6
Portland	6	3	6	24	23	20		6	3	6
San Jose	4	8	4	16	18	28		4	8	4

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday's games
D.C. United, 2nd Jose 1
Saturday's games
New York 4, Columbus 2
Toronto FC 4, Houston 2

Sunday's games
Portland 3, Colorado 3, tie
Sporting Kansas City 2, Montreal 1
Chicago 1, New England 0
Chivas USA 3, Vancouver 1
Los Angeles 1, Real Salt Lake 0

Monday's games
Portland at Seattle FC
New York, Kansas City at Columbus
Vancouver at Toronto
New England at Los Angeles

Tuesday
Sporting Kansas City at Columbus
Vancouver at Toronto
New England at Los Angeles

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New York, Kansas City at Columbus
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TOUR DE FRANCE/SPORTS BRIEFS

Gallop in takes over Tour lead

BY JEROME PUGMIRE
The Associated Press

MULHOUSE, France — German rider Tony Martin broke ahead early and comfortably held on to win the hilly ninth stage of the Tour de France on Sunday, as Frenchman Tony Gallopin took the yellow jersey from overnight leader Vincenzo Nibali of Italy.

The 29-year-old German, a three-time world time trial champion, broke away with specialist climber Alessandro De Marchi of Italy.

"The objective was to win the stage. There was a chance to do it and I felt good, my legs felt good," Martin said. "I knew it would be one of my rare chances to win a stage."

The 105.4-mile trek from Gerardmer to Mulhouse — in the mid-sized Vosges mountain range near the German border — featured six mostly moderate uphill treks that posed Martin little problem, even though he is not a reputed climber.

"When the stage started to climb I realized I was stronger and started to attack and then things went well," he said. "We're close to Germany and that was an extra incentive."

It was a good day for France with Gallopin set to defend the yellow jersey on Monday — Bastille Day.

Gallopin finished several minutes behind but did well enough to erase his deficit of more than three minutes to Nibali.

It's with great pride that I will ride on the national holiday day in the yellow jersey," the 26-year-old Gallopin said. "It's a little bit scary, but I will enjoy the day."

Gallopin leads Nibali by 1 minute, 34 seconds.

The last Frenchman to wear the yellow jersey was Thomas Voeckler in 2011.



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

France's Tony Gallopin leads the breakaway group during the ninth stage of the Tour de France on Sunday. Gallopin took the overall race lead.



DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

Michael Phelps, left, leads Ryan Lochte in the final lap to win the men's 100-meter backstroke at the Bulldog Grand Slam on Saturday in Athens, Ga. Lochte took second place. Both swimmers are attempting comebacks to qualify for the 2016 Olympics.

Briefly

Phelps edges Lochte in 100m back

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — For the second consecutive night, Michael Phelps saw a number he liked.

Phelps won the 100-meter backstroke on Saturday at the Bulldog Grand Slam, edging Ryan Lochte in another encouraging performance in his comeback.

Phelps, who retired after the last Olympics and stayed away from the pool for more than a year, finished in 53.88 seconds. Lochte was second at 54.40, and Olympian Tyler Clary finished third in 55.41.

"I just wanted to break 54, to be honest," said Phelps, the winner of 18 golds and 22 medals overall — far more than any other Olympic athlete. "My best time is 53.01 from 2007 and it's something I haven't swam that that many times. I wanted to take it out a little faster and be as close to an even split as I could, but towards the end it hurt a lot. To be 53.88 now, I'm very pleased."

This is the first meet for Lochte since he reinjured his surgically repaired left knee at the Mesa Grand Prix in April. He also lost to Phelps on Friday night, grabbing second in the 100 butterfly with a time of 53.08 seconds that was well off Phelps' winning swim of 51.67.

The hastily arranged event on the University of Georgia campus gives some of the top swimmers on the East Coast a chance to swim one more time competitively before the next month's national championships in Irvine, California.

The results from nationals, as well as the Pan Pacific Champi-

onships being held in Australia later in August, will determine the U.S. team for the 2015 world championships.

"Anytime I have a chance to get into the water and race after taking two years off is a good thing," Phelps said. "It's all about getting in rhythm and racing — that's what I've always enjoyed about the sport. And having another race under my belt is nice."

In other swimming news:

■ Five-time Olympic swimming gold medalist Ian Thorpe for the first time publicly confirmed that he is gay during a television interview on Sunday, ending years of speculation about his sexuality.

"I'm not straight," Thorpe said. "And this is only something that very recently — we're talking in the past two weeks — I've been comfortable telling the closest people around me exactly that."

Thorpe retired from swimming in 2012 after winning five Olympic gold medals, three silvers, and one bronze, and setting 22 world records.

Smith fifth Raven with legal woes in offseason

TOWSON, Md. — Baltimore Ravens cornerback Jimmy Smith became the fifth player on the team to be arrested during the offseason after he received a criminal citation Saturday night for failing to follow an officer's orders.

The incident occurred after Baltimore County police were called to a Towson restaurant because a woman had reportedly passed out in the bathroom.

Police arrived and found the woman vomiting into a sink in the bathroom. Police say Smith was with her and refused to obey an officer's repeated orders to leave the bathroom.

Smith, 25, was cited late Saturday at a police precinct in Towson and then released.

A Ravens spokesman said Sunday that the team is "gathering information" on the incident.

Four other Ravens had encounters with the law this offseason. Running back Ray Rice was arrested for felony assault; offensive lineman Jah Keid was cited for felony aggravated assault; wide receiver Deonte Thompson was arrested for felony possession of marijuana; and running back Lorenzo Taliaferro was charged with misdemeanor destruction of property.

Smith started all 16 games for the Ravens last season. He had 58 tackles, two interceptions and forced two fumbles in his third NFL season.

Davenport inducted into Tennis Hall of Fame

NEWPORT, R.I. — Lindsay Davenport remembers picking up a tennis racket as a child and the feeling that came with the ease of a powerful return. After giving up on two other sports, she found something she liked.

On Saturday, she reached her sport's highest honor, with her induction into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Davenport spent 98 weeks ranked No. 1. She won the 1998 U.S. Open, 1999 Wimbledon, 2000

Australian Open and 1996 Olympic gold medal to go with three major doubles titles. She finished the end of four years at No. 1.

Davenport enters the hall with five-time Paralympic medalist Chantal Vandierendonck in the recent player category, coach Nick Bollettieri, executive Jane Brown Grimes and broadcaster John Barrett in the contributor category.

Alvarez tops Lara in split decision

LAS VEGAS — Canelo Alvarez chased Erislandy Lara far too long Saturday night to pay much attention afterward to Lara's complaint that he won their fight.

"You don't win by running, you win by hitting," Alvarez said. "You don't win a fight like that."

Lara thought he had done just that, but when the decision came down it was Alvarez whose hand was held aloft. He escaped with a split decision win for his second straight victory since losing last year to Floyd Mayweather Jr.

It was a frustrating night for Alvarez, and a tense one for his fans, who filled the MGM Grand arena to watch as Alvarez chased after Lara for 12 rounds before winning the decision. Alvarez had all he could handle against Lara, whose constant movement frustrated the Mexican fighter and often caused him to miss wildly with right hands.

In the end, Alvarez won on two scorecards, 115-113 and 117-111, to pull out a narrow decision. The third judge had Lara ahead 115-113, while The Associated Press scored the fight 114-114.

NBA

Free agency signings shift balance of power

James instantly makes Cavaliers better, but East now has plenty of title contenders

By BRIAN MAHONEY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK word of caution to anyone anointing the Cleveland Cavaliers as the NBA favorites.

Yes, the Cavaliers are going to be good, no doubt. It's impossible not to be with the game's best player. But even LeBron James knows Cleveland has a lot of work to do.

"We're not ready right now. No way," he wrote in his first-person essay in *Sports Illustrated*.

Quite a different tone than when he arrived in Miami four years ago.

Quite a different situation, too. While the player dominos continue to fall in place during free agency, James' decision has leveled the playing field even more in the up-for-grabs Eastern Conference.

And the battle should be very entertaining: James vs. the likes of Pat Riley, Phil Jackson and Larry Bird.

Cleveland won't even be a sure thing within its own division where Bird's Indiana Pacers and the Chicago Bulls have veteran squads that have played together for years.

And an NBA championship is surely no guarantee, not with the defending champion San Antonio Spurs possibly even stronger than the powerhouse that rolled through James and the Heat in the NBA Finals. The Oklahoma City Thunder and Los Angeles Clippers are potent, and the Houston Rockets and Portland Trail Blazers don't look far away.

So if Cleveland's a favorite, it may only be a sentimental one, for those wanting to see James lead his home team to a title that has eluded the city in all major sports for 50 years.

"We have to pull for the Cavaliers," Charles Barkley said on NBA TV. "We have to pull for that team."

Some will, but it's going to be a challenge.

Toronto (Kyle Lowry) and Washington (Marcin Gortat) held on to key pieces from their up-and-coming squads. Brooklyn believes it has another year to contend if Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett stick around and the Knicks have been telling Carmelo Anthony they expect to be better if he returns.

Even James' old team could remain formidable with Chris Bosh staying around and Dwyane Wade expected to do the

Free agent scorecard

By The Associated Press

A look at the biggest moves made during the NBA's free-agency period:



LeBron James, Cleveland Cavaliers

Leaves Miami Heat for Cleveland Cavaliers. Best player in the world changes teams and goes home, and the balance of power in the East has now shifted out of Miami.



Chris Bosh, Miami Heat

Staying in Miami, will be signing five-year deal worth \$118 million. Keeping Bosh helped Heat avoid what would have been off-season disaster.



Carmelo Anthony, New York Knicks

Staying with the New York Knicks for a max deal of five years that could pay him as much as \$130 million. Knicks would have been in a world of trouble if they hadn't re-signed him.



Kyle Lowry, Toronto Raptors

Staying in Toronto, and despite widespread speculation otherwise, there was no way Masai Ujiri was letting the Raptors' point guard go anywhere.



Paul Pierce, Washington Wizards

Leaves the Brooklyn Nets for the Washington Wizards. Washington gets another veteran presence to offset the exit of Trevor Ariza to the Houston Rockets.



Pau Gasol, Chicago Bulls

Leaves the Los Angeles Lakers for Chicago Bulls, making his announcement Saturday. Add Bulls to suddenly growing list of big-time East contenders.



Marcin Gortat, Washington Wizards

Staying in Washington, five years and \$60 million. Wizards impressed many last season and young core of Wall, Bradley and Co., will only get better.



Gordon Hayward, Utah Jazz

Staying in Utah after Jazz matched the Charlotte Hornets' offer sheet, Hayward has answered every challenge since coming to NBA from Butler. Stardom next?

same, setting up the potential for a wide-open Eastern Conference race that didn't exist while the Heat ruled it since 2011.

But in the hours after James announced he was trading Biscayne Bay for Lake Erie, it was hard not to get excited about the Cavs' possibilities.

"LeBron James, Kyrie Irving and Andrewiggins have the potential to be a great 'Big 3,'" Hall of Famer Magic Johnson wrote on Twitter.

There's potential there. Irving was the MVP of the All-Star game last year, and Wiggins was the No. 1 pick in the draft. The Cavs' roster features a fourth No. 1 pick, James Bennett, who struggled badly as a rookie last season, but should benefit from a full offseason after he was sidelined while

recovering from shoulder surgery last summer.

The other team with lofty expectations is the Spurs, who got Duncan to return and re-signed coach Gregg Popovich and key role players Boris Diaw and Patty Mills to multiyear deals.

But the Spurs are always a sure thing. Things are more uncertain for James and his new team.

He knew he was on an instant title contender when he went to Miami. Even he realizes that may not be the case heading home.

The road to the Eastern Conference championship may no longer go through Miami. The question is whether it still goes through James.

"LeBron's still in the East," new Miami coach Derek Fisher said. "It still makes my job difficult."



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Free-agent forward Carmelo Anthony has agreed to a five-year deal to remain with the Knicks after free-agent talks with Houston, Chicago, Dallas and the Los Angeles Lakers. The deal could pay the New York native as much as \$130 million over the five years.

Briefs

Melo picks Knicks, wants winner in NY

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carmelo Anthony wanted to be a Knick a few years ago and nothing has changed now.

Anthony is staying in New York, announcing his decision Sunday in a posting titled "My City, My Heart" on his website.

"This organization has supported me and in return, I want to stay and build here with this city and my team," Anthony said.

He explained that he owed it to himself to explore all his options as a free agent, and thanked the teams he met with for their interest.

"Through it all, my heart never wavered," he wrote.

The Knicks can pay the All-Star forward nearly \$130 million over five years, though Anthony has said he would be open to taking less than the maximum salary if it would help build a winning team.

Anthony decided four summers ago he wanted a trade from Denver to New York, and the Nuggets were finally able to accommodate him in February 2011. Anthony, who was born in Brooklyn, wrote in his posting that at that time he had dreamed of coming back of New York.

But the 30-year-old forward also wants to compete for championships and the Knicks don't seem ready at the moment. They went 37-45 last season, the first time in Anthony's 11-year career he missed the postseason.

The Knicks hired Phil Jackson as president in March and Anthony believes the 11-time champion as a coach can turn the organization into a winner.

Anthony met with Chicago, Houston, Dallas and the Lakers after terminating the final year of his contract and becoming a free agent July 1. A few of those teams seem much closer to contending than the Knicks, but none could offer anywhere near the sal-

ary under NBA rules, which allow players to sign five-year deals with their current teams, but only for four years with another.

Pierce going to Wizards on 2-year deal, AP says

A person with knowledge of the deal tells The Associated Press that Paul Pierce has agreed to a two-year contract with the Washington Wizards. The deal is for the mid-level exception, which is about \$5.3 million for next season, and includes a player option in the second year of the contract.

Pierce averaged a career-low 13.5 points last season in his first year with the Nets after 15 years with the Boston Celtics. But he will bring some valuable veteran leadership and playoff experience to an up-and-coming team.

AP source: Rockets sending Lin to Lakers

The Houston Rockets still plan to execute a trade that will send point guard Jeremy Lin to the Los Angeles Lakers for cash, even after the Rockets failed to land coveted forward Chris Bosh in free agency.

When Bosh agreed to a five-year, \$118 million deal to stay in Miami, the Rockets were on the outside looking in again. Rockets GM Daryl Morey had no second thoughts about dumping Lin, who didn't mesh well playing in the same backcourt with the equally aggressive James Harden.

Raptors announce deal with F Patterson

TORONTO — The Toronto Raptors re-signed forward Patrick Patterson, who was acquired in a seven-player trade with Sacramento in December. He averaged 9.1 points and 5.1 rebounds in 48 games with the Raptors.

AUTO RACING

Keselowski wins Nationwide race

By DAN GELSTON
The Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Brad Keselowski had a couple of impressive performances at New Hampshire. It's the victory celebration that again gave him fits.

Keselowski topped all the fields Saturday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, including a dominant run in the Nationwide Series victory. Keselowski also led the speed charts during both Sprint Cup practices. Throw in the pole for the Nationwide race and that made the Team Penske driver a neat 4-for-4.

Simply perfect.
"Well a hell of a Saturday," Keselowski said.

His only hiccup came when he dropped the American flag out of his No. 22 Ford. The flag rested on the track before it was retrieved by an official to let the victory celebration continue.

"It was really windy and my hand's been sore," he said. "I took my hand off the flag for the second and the wind ripped it out. It wasn't one of my prouder moments."

Keselowski still needs work on his victory laps. He needed four stitches to close a wound he received during his Victory Lane celebration in the Sprint Cup race at Kentucky. He tried to open the bottle of champagne by hitting it

against a podium, and the bottle broke and cut his hand.

Keselowski led 153 of the 200 laps in his second Nationwide win of the season. He also won at Phoenix and hasn't finished worse than third in six races this season.

"I enjoy this series and feel lucky I am allowed to compete in it," he said.

He is a star off the track, as well — Keselowski appears as himself Tuesday on the "Sullivan & Son" show on TBS.

Kyle Busch avoided disaster late in the race when he connected with James Buescher trying to make an outside pass and finished second. He started on the pole for Sunday's Cup race.

Matt Kenseth, Kyle Larson and Chris Buescher completed the top five.

Regan Smith was seventh and won \$100,000 in the first event in the four-race "Dash 4 Cash" program that could award up to \$1 million to a series regular.

Smith, the series points leader, was presented with an oversized check on pit road and joked he wanted to make an immediate bank deposit.

"We struggled in traffic more than we needed to and I guess we've got to figure that out soon because we've got a championship race here," Smith said. "The side note today is the \$100,000."



Jim Cole/AP

Ryan Reed (16) and Kyle Busch slide under Elliott Sadler on Saturday during the NASCAR Nationwide Series race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, N.H.



JUSTIN HAYWORTH/AP

Tony Kanaan, left, tries to hold off Ryan Hunter-Reay during the closing laps of Saturday's IndyCar race in Newton, Iowa. Hunter-Reay passed Kanaan and went on to win the race.

Renewed title hopes

Hunter-Reay breaks out of slump with new tires

By LUKE MEREDITH
The Associated Press

NEWTON, Iowa — Ryan Hunter-Reay buried his post-Indianapolis 500 slump with a set of fresh tires that pumped new life into his title hopes.

Hunter-Reay blew past the field with two laps to go and won the IndyCar race at Iowa Speedway on Saturday for his first victory since May.

Hunter-Reay hadn't led a lap since his victory in Indianapolis, and he spent most of the Iowa race far from contention. But he got new tires on a late pit stop and stormed past Tony Kanaan for his third victory in 2014. Kanaan led 247 of the 300 laps at Iowa's .875-mile oval.

"That was crazy. We took the tires as a big gamble," said Hunter-Reay, who jumped from fifth to third in the IndyCar standings by passing nine cars in nine laps. "That was fun. It was like a video game at the end. We had a tough day, but you have to keep your head in it."

Josef Newgarden finished second, followed by Target Chip Ganassi teammates Kanaan and Scott Dixon. Ed Carpenter was fifth.

Helio Castroneves finished eighth, taking sole possession of the series points lead.

Kanaan started on the front row with Dixon, the pole sitter, following promising qualifying sessions for a team that has struggled all year.

Down the stretch, the only question seemed to be which of the Ganassi drivers would give the team its first win of 2014.

No one saw Hunter-Reay coming.

He stopped a miserable six-race stretch without a top-five finish and gave Andretti Autosport its fifth straight win in Iowa.



JUSTIN HAYWORTH/AP

Ryan Hunter-Reay celebrates his victory.

It also was the second win in three years here for Hunter-Reay, who followed owner Michael Andretti's advice to take fresh tires even though such a move could have been too time-consuming to risk.

Kanaan settled for a fifth straight podium finish at Iowa, even though he had the dominant car.

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WORLD CUP

Netherlands shuts out Brazil to finish 3rd

Frustrated hosts booed by crowd after second straight loss

By TALES AZZONI
The Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil — When it was all over, it was the Netherlands receiving a standing ovation from the Brazilian crowd. Brazil walked off the field to boos, after another demoralizing loss to end its home World Cup.

The Netherlands' remarkable campaign ended on a high note after Robin van Persie and Daley Blind scored early goals to help give the team a 3-0 win over Brazil in the third-place game on Saturday.

"We can look back at a very successful tournament," Dutch coach Louis Van Gaal said. "I'm proud of my players."

The Netherlands finishes a World Cup unbeaten in regular play for the first time, having lost to Argentina on penalties in the semifinals. After finishing runner-up in 2010, the third place is the best position for the Dutch squad since it lost the final in 1974 and 1978.

The Brazilian fans loudly greeted the Dutch players after they received the third-place medals, applauding on their feet.

"I would like to thank all people

in Brazil for their great support," Arjen Robben said. "For us it was the best way to end this tournament. We fully deserved third place the way we played. It's a very big achievement."

The loss added to Brazil's frustration at the home tournament following the disastrous 7-1 defeat to Germany. After the final whistle, the team was loudly booed by the nearly 70,000 fans that attended the match at the National Stadium in Brasilia. Many had already left even before the late third goal by the Dutch. It's the first time since 1940 that Brazil lost two consecutive competitive games on home soil.

"It's a terrible feeling, I don't know what to say," Oscar said. "After a huge loss to Germany, today we tried our best from the beginning to win third place but it wasn't our day. We have to see what went wrong so we can improve for the future."

Brazil conceding 14 goals in the tournament, the most ever for the team. The previous worst had been 11 goals in the 1938 World Cup. Now it conceded 10 in its last two games.

"It was supposed to be an even match but after the early

goal things started going their way," Scolari said. "I don't think we played that bad. The players fought hard from the start. They created chances, so it's difficult to lose 3-0. But they deserve all the credit in the end, they reached the semifinals."

Van Persie converted a penalty kick three minutes into the match after Robben was brought down by Brazil captain Thiago Silva on the edge of the area. Blind added to the lead in the 17th with a shot from near the penalty spot after defender David Luiz made a mistake while trying to clear a cross in front of the goal. Georginio Wijnaldum rounded off the win in injury time with a shot inside the near post.

"The most beautiful was our resilience. We were knocked out but we came back and finished third," Wijnaldum said. "We wanted to close it out well."

Brazil looked lost from the start, making many of the same defensive mistakes that marked the historic defeat to the Germans four days ago. The Netherlands took advantage with quick passes and speed in the attack.

Silva had to foul Robben after being beaten on the run, leading



MANU FERNANDEZ/AP

Netherlands' Georginio Wijnaldum, right, celebrates with Jonathan de Guzman after scoring his side's third goal during the third-place match against Brazil Saturday in Brasilia, Brazil. The Dutch won 3-0.

to van Persie's firm left-foot shot into the right upper corner to put the Dutch ahead.

The Dutch wanted a red card for Silva for a professional foul, but Algerian referee Djamel Haimoudi only gave him a yellow. Silva had missed the semifinal against Germany because of a yellow card suspension.

Blind added to the lead after Luiz failed to clear a cross, heading the ball right back to the Dutch defender for an easy goal.

Wijnaldum closed the scoring in injury time with a goal from

inside the area after a cross by Daryl Janmaat.

"It's frustrating," Silva said. "We didn't deserve to have it end like this. But unfortunately it's football. I have to apologize to our people. The fans supported us even during the 7-1 loss and again today. They booed in the end, but it was normal. They have feelings too."

It was the fourth time Brazil played in a third-place match. It beat Sweden in 1938 and Italy in 1978, and the only other loss had come against Poland in 1974.

Five most memorable moments from tournament

By JOHN LEICESTER
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Marcelo looked wide-eyed, stunned when he scored the first goal of the World Cup ... against his own team. Hardly the most auspicious of starts for Brazil. But that bloop-er just 11 minutes into the tournament was soon forgiven and forgotten as Brazil went on to win that opening game and the 2014 tournament quickly flowered into a roaring success, confounding doom and gloom merchants who predicted Brazil couldn't pull it off without major protests and problems.

The stadiums were (just about) ready in time. Airports held up under the strain of fans and teams crisscrossing South America's largest country. Players came ready to rumble, well prepared for hot conditions. Coaches embraced positive and ambitious tactics.

Costa Rica beating four-time champion Italy and two-time champion Uruguay on a white-knuckle ride to the quarterfinals exemplified how supposedly "small" teams showed no fear of illustrious opponents.

Shockingly in some instances of violent and reckless play, referees showed fewer yellow and red cards per game than at any World Cup since 1986. Their leniency, letting play flow, and team tactics of forward-minded, attacking football and quick counterattacks produced exhilarating and en-

grossing end-to-end games and what will be a record goals tally if Germany and Argentina in Sunday's final and Brazil against the Netherlands in the third-place match score five more.

Here are five high- and low-lights that helped make the most memorable World Cup in decades:

1 Brazil implodes: Germany skewering Brazil with five goals in 19 minutes in their semifinal was the football equivalent of the scene in "Bambi" when a hunter kills the fawn's mother. Watching such a tragedy befall the five-time champion at its home World Cup became difficult even for some German fans, who later said they just wanted the torturing of Brazil to stop. Second-half substitute Andre Schuerrle had other ideas, scoring two more for a record-breaking 7-1 trauma for the football superpower that gave the world Pele. By the end, the overwhelmingly Brazilian crowd in Belo Horizonte's Mineirao stadium fed German touches of the ball with shouts of "Ole!"

It was one of the biggest shocks in World Cup history.

2 Neymar kneed: One of the greatest injustices of the World Cup was Spanish referee Carlos Velasco Carballo letting play run on as Neymar howled in agony face down in the turf, his third vertebra fractured. Neymar later said he could have been paralyzed



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

Robin van Persie's goal in the Netherlands' 5-1 win over Spain was one of the most spectacular of the tournament.

had the knee to his lower back from Colombian defender Juan Camilo Zuniga hit less than an inch closer to his spine. The injury in the quarterfinals put the 22-year-old out of the only World Cup he'll ever play on home soil and robbed the tournament of its Brazilian superstar.

Without its best player, the Brazil team was destroyed by Germany.

3 Hungry for Italian: Luis Suarez likes a varied diet. Having previously been banned for biting a Dutch player (Ottman Bakkel) and a Serbian (Branislav Ivanovic), Suarez

seemingly hankered for Italian at this World Cup, sinking his teeth into the shoulder of Giorgio Chiellini in a group-stage game led to a four-month ban from all football for the Uruguay striker. Deprived of his goals, Uruguay crashed out of the first of the knockout rounds.

Initially, Suarez professed innocence. He returned home to an outpouring of support. Uruguay's president, Jose Mujica, was highly critical of FIFA. Suarez then did a U-turn and apologized to Chiellini for the bite seen on TVs and talked about around the world. Social media wits and market-

ers made hay.

4 Costa Rica's Krul fate: With the Netherlands and Costa Rica scoreless after 120 minutes, Dutch coach Louis van Gaal made an astounding call in the final seconds of their quarterfinal: He replaced his first-choice goalkeeper with his understudy, Tim Krul. Taller, with a longer reach and prepped for this eventuality, Krul then saved Costa Rica's second and fifth penalties in the ensuing shootout, and guessed the correct way on all five.

The masterstroke made Van Gaal look like a football genius, whetting the appetite of fans of Manchester United, his next stop as coach.

5 Robin flies like Batman: James Rodriguez' volleyed goal for Colombia against Uruguay, controlling the ball with his chest, letting it drop and then hammering in with his left foot, all while turning to face goal, was poetry, the timing exquisite. It will be many fans' goal of the tournament.

But Robin van Persie's diving header that foretold the demise of reigning world champion Spain was spectacular, too. He launched himself horizontally into the air to get his head to a long pass from left back Daley Blind, sending the ball arching over stranded Spain goalkeeper and captain, Iker Casillas.

"A great goal, I have to be fair," Van Persie said. "It must be the goal of my career."

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Golf roundup

Penalty puts Park in the lead

The Associated Press

SOUTHPORT, England — One year later, Inbee Park is still chasing history at the Women's British Open.

Instead of trying to win an unprecedented fourth straight major, Park has a chance to become only the seventh woman to win four of the LPGA's majors. Instead of photographers capturing her every move at St. Andrews, the 26-year-old South Korean has gone about her work without fanfare at Royal Birkdale.

That changed Saturday with a remarkable start, and a late ruling that put Park in the lead.

On the tough opening stretch at Royal Birkdale, she ran off three birdies that sent her to a 4-under 68. Then, Park went from a one-shot deficit to a one-shot lead when Ahn Sun-Ju was penalized two shots after her round for building a stance in the bunker on the 18th hole.

"I definitely enjoyed it last year," Park said. "But this year has just been a little bit different. Last year I enjoyed it and having pressure and experiencing something I never have experienced before. If I end up winning (Sunday), I'll definitely enjoy this year better."

The 18 holes remaining could be a sprint among a dozen players.

Park had a one-shot lead over a pair of major champions — Suzann Pettersen of Norway (68) and Shanshan Feng of China (69) — along with Ahn. Julieta Granada (72) and Amelia Lewis (71) were another shot behind.

In other golf news:

■ Gene Sauers shot a 3-under 68 to take a three-stroke lead after the third round of the U.S. Senior Open on Saturday.

Sauers had a 33 on the back nine to take control at Oak Tree National in Edmond, Okla., heading into the final round on Sunday. He is at 7 under for the tournament.



SCOTT HEPPLE/AP

South Korea's Inbee Park putts on the ninth green Saturday during the third round of the Women's British Open at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport, England.

Colin Montgomerie, Bernhard Langer and Scott Dunlap are tied for second at 4 under.

■ Brian Harman had two eagles in a 6-under 65 on Saturday that gave him a one-stroke lead after three rounds of the John Deere Classic.

Harman's solid performance got him to 17-under 196 for the tournament at TPC

Deere Run in Silvis, Ill. Three-time winner Steve Stricker is alone in second, one stroke better than Scott Brown heading into the final round.

Tim Clark, Jerry Kelly, William McGirt and 2012 champion Zach Johnson are three back at 14-under 199. Clark shot a 64 to move into contention.

Stricker finished strong for a 7-under 64.

MLS roundup

Fire hold on to beat Revolution

The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Quincy Amarikwa scored in the 3rd minute and Sean Johnson saved a penalty kick in the 86th to seal the Chicago Fire's 1-0 win over the New England Revolution on Saturday.

Johnson dove to the right and got his right hand on Chris Tierney's low left-footed penalty kick. The block sent the ball into the air, off the post and rested on the goal line before Johnson secured it.

Johnson's big stop helped the Fire (3-4-10) stop a six-game winless streak. It was the fifth consecutive MLS loss for New England (7-8-2).

Amarikwa's goal was Chicago's quickest score of the season. He won a long ball from Mike Magee and chipped home a shot past Revolution goalkeeper Bobby Shuttleworth.

The Revolution played without leading scorer Lee Nguyen after he was suspended for one game.

Sporting KC 2, Impact 1: Dom Dwyer took advantage of a defensive lapse to score his second goal of the game in the 89th minute to lift visiting Kansas City.

Montreal defender Heath Pearce and goalkeeper Troy Perkins got their signals crossed, and neither cleared a harmless ball away from the 18-yard box. The hesitation was enough for Dwyer to pounce on the loose ball and get his 14th goal.

Toronto FC 4, Dynamo 2: Jermain Defoe set up two goals and then scored two of his own for host Toronto.

Red Bulls 4, Crew 1: Thierry Henry had three assists and the go-ahead goal to lift host New York.

Chivas USA 3, Whitesaps 1: Erick Torres scored the tiebreaking goal in the 81st minute to lead visiting Chivas USA past Vancouver.

Galaxy 1, Real Salt Lake 0: Gyasi Zardes scored to give host Los Angeles a win over Real Salt Lake.

Union 3, Rapids 3: Deshorn Brown scored the tying goal in the 86th minute to lift visiting Colorado to a draw with Philadelphia.

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Here: Park earns praise despite underwhelming Twins

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new facility," St. Peter said. "When Hennepin County emerged with a plan, we had to make a decision. Do we pursue a partnership that was going to build an urban and open-air facility, the art of the possible so to speak, a plan that was sellable at the legislature?"

"We made that decision based on the belief that an outdoor facility can and will work in Minnesota much like it has in many other northern climates for a long, long time."

In the days of Harmon Killebrew, Rod Carew and Jim Kaat, the Twins got their start in Minnesota playing outdoors at Metropolitan Stadium from 1961-81. The park hosted the 1965 All-Star Game, which included 19 future Hall of Famers, among them Bob Gibson, Sandy Koufax, Hank Aaron, Roberto Clemente, Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle and Carl Yastrzemski.

The Twins moved inside in 1982 to a ballpark designed more for football than baseball. The Dome hosted the All-Star Game in 1985 and was the raucous home of World Series champions in 1987 and 1991, but the stadium quickly became a quirky relic. And while it sure was nice to step inside on a chilly October evening, trudging in under the big white roof on one of those precious, sunny June nights was as demoralizing as an April snowstorm.

"Minnesota in the summer is the most beautiful place in the world," former Twins pitcher Frank Viola said. "Why do I want to go indoors when it's 80 degrees and sunny out?"

Target Field has been met by wide acclaim from visiting managers and players since its opening in 2010, with the Minneapolis skyline providing a stunning backdrop to a venue with modern amenities and old-school charm.

"They love this place," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "I haven't heard a bad word about this place."

The biggest disappointment has been the product on the field. When the small-market Twins were lobbying for a new stadium, the revenue that promised to come from an updated ballpark was billed as a means to help them remain competitive in a league that doesn't have a salary cap.



Jim Mone/AP

U.S. servicemembers hold a large flag at Target Field in Minneapolis as part of Armed Forces Appreciation Day in June 2013. MLB's All-Star festivities will be held in the four-year-old ballpark, which helped outdoor baseball make a return to chilly Minnesota.

The Twins won their sixth AL Central title in nine seasons in their first year at Target Field, but the ensuing seasons have not been kind. They have lost at least 96 games in each of the last three years and are stuck in last place again this season.

"We're hugely disappointed with the way we've played 2011 through the first half of this year," St. Peter said. "This is an important year for us to take a step forward. We need to be better. A winning tradition has been central to the brand of the Minnesota Twins. Anytime you fail to do that, obviously you've got to look in the mirror. There's a high

level of disappointment.

The Twins do have one of the most promising farm systems in baseball, with outfielder Byron Buxton, third baseman Miguel Sano and pitcher Alex Meyer considered to be stars of the future. But fans have grown impatient.

In their first two seasons back outdoors, the Twins averaged more than 39,000 fans per game. That figure has declined steadily, dipping under 28,000 this year.

"The good news is that system is stronger today than at any point in the last decade," St. Peter said. "I'm optimistic that it will produce results and ultimately those results will lead us back into con-

tenment and ultimately competing for a World Series."

But even though Target Field has been open for five seasons, the hometown fans still are making the transition. The Metrodome may have been a dingy building that had no business hosting baseball, but it always was cool in the summer and warm in the spring and fall. And if you bought a ticket, you knew the game was going to be played that day.

Despite all the nervousness about the lack of a roof, the Twins have been relatively lucky with the weather to this point. In 4½ seasons, the Twins have had 11 postponements and one sus-

pended game. The Twins did play through some very cold temperatures this April, and St. Peter maintained some fans are still acclimating to the experience of baseball in the great outdoors.

"I think we're close but I don't think we're there yet," he said. "There's still a level of education going on in terms of the pluses and some of the minuses of outdoor baseball. I think to be honest the first real test of whether we've gotten there will be the next time we make a postseason run and play outdoor baseball through the month of October."

AP Sports Writer Dave Campbell contributed to this report.

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Zimmerman leads Nats over Phils in 10

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Zimmerman's go-ahead single in the 10th inning had the Nationals celebrating on the field. Washington got some good news off the field, too.

Zimmerman singled in the go-ahead run with two outs in the 10th, and Jayson Werth homered and had three RBIs to lead the Nationals to a 5-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Saturday night.

Ross Detwiler (1-2), one of six Washington pitchers, tossed a scoreless ninth to earn the victory. Philadelphia's season-best, five-game winning streak was snapped.

The Nationals also found out on Saturday that right-hander Jordan Zimmermann, who had Tommy John surgery in August 2009, doesn't have structural damage to his throwing shoulder or elbow now.

Zimmermann abruptly left Friday's start in the fourth inning because of arm pain. However, an MRI revealed a biceps strain that likely won't cost him a start.

"That's a big relief for us," Nationals manager Matt Williams said.

Zimmermann was slated to participate in his second straight All-Star Game on Tuesday, but he won't make the trip to Minneapolis. He was replaced on the NL roster by Marlins right-hander Henderson Alvarez.

"I feel pretty good today," Zimmermann said. "I expect it to get better every day."

His teammates were feeling good, as well, after gutting out an extra-inning win over Philadelphia.

"Huge win coming back with a day game (Sunday) right before the All-Star break," Ryan Zimmerman said.

Rafael Soriano struck out the side in the 10th for his 22nd save.

Washington's Stephen Strasburg struck out nine in 5½ innings and was in line for the victory before Ben Revere's RBI single with two outs in the eighth tied it 3-3.

Marlon Byrd had two hits and two RBIs and Revere had a pair of hits for the Phils.

The Nationals went ahead in the 10th against Jake Diekmann (3-3).

Denard Span led off with a walk, and after Anthony Rendon lined out to right, Werth hit a chopper to second baseman Chase Utley. He tried to get the force at sec-

ond, but Span was safe.

"I thought we had a play," Utley said. "It didn't work out in our favor. It was a big play. I tried to get it to him quickly. It didn't work."

Braves 11, Cubs 6: Chris Johnson homered twice and pitcher Mike Minor hit his second career home run, leading visiting Atlanta over Chicago. Johnson and Justin Upton each drove in four runs for the Braves.

Johnson and Minor homered and Upton hit a three-run double as Atlanta scored six in the fourth inning for a 9-3 lead.

Diamondbacks 2, Giants 0: Aaron Hill homered, doubled and scored twice, Wade Miley pitched seven shutout innings and Arizona beat host San Francisco. David Peralta and Gerardo Parra each added two hits for the Diamondbacks, who won their fourth in six games.

Mets 5, Marlins 4: Chris Young and rookie Eric Campbell delivered big hits off the bench in the late innings to rally surging New York past visiting Miami. Young's pinch-hit, two-run homer off Bryan Morris tied it at 4 in the seventh and Campbell came through with a pinch-hit single in the eighth to put the Mets ahead.

Pirates 6, Reds 5 (11): Andrew McCutchen tied the game with a solo homer in the ninth inning, then connected again in the 11th, rallying struggling Pittsburgh to a victory over host Cincinnati. He tied it at 5 in the ninth off Jonathan Broxton, filling in the closer's role because Aroldis Chapman had pitched four days in a row.

Dodgers 1, Padres 0: A.J. Ellis hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the ninth inning, leading Los Angeles past visiting San Diego. Kenley Jansen (1-3) pitched a scoreless ninth for the victory.

Interleague

Twins 9, Rockies 3: Kevin Correia pitched six innings of one-run ball and Eduardo Escobar homered as visiting Minnesota pulled away late to beat Colorado.

Correia (5-11) scattered seven hits and cooled off the power-hitting Rockies, who stranded 10 baserunners and were kept in the yard after slugging eight home runs in their previous two games.



NICK WASS/AP

The New York Yankees' Derek Jeter, right, is tagged out at home by Baltimore Orioles catcher Nick Hundley, left, during the third inning of Saturday's game in Baltimore.

AL roundup

Yanks' rookie Greene shuts down Orioles

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — For much of the season, Shane Greene put up unspectacular numbers for Scranton-Wilkes-Barre of the International League.

Now a member of the New York Yankees, the rookie right-hander is dominating some of the best hitters in the big leagues.

Greene took a four-hitter into the eighth inning of his second major league start, and the Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles 3-0 Saturday.

Greene (2-0) struck out nine — including Nelson Cruz three times — and walked two in his third big league appearance. He didn't give up a hit until the fifth inning and allowed only two runners past second base in 7½ innings.

"We were really excited about him in spring training and what he could possibly do for us," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "We felt he could help us at some point this year, and the time is now."

It was Greene's second win in six days with the Yankees, the first coming at Cleveland, where the 25-year-old allowed two runs in six innings.

After going a combined 12-10 in the minors last year, Greene was 5-2 with a 4.61 ERA this season against such teams as the Buffalo Bisons and Gwinnett Braves. Somehow, that translated into success against the Indians and AL East-leading Orioles.

"A dream come true," Greene said. "It means a lot that I got the opportunity and it means a lot that I can come up here and help the team win."

David Robertson, the third New York reliever, worked a perfect ninth for his 23rd save.

Brian McCann had three hits for the Yankees, who moved within four games of the Orioles in the AL East. New York is 3-5 against Baltimore this season.

It was only the third loss in 12 games for the Orioles, who finished with five hits.

Chris Tillman (7-5) gave up three runs, seven hits and three walks in 6½ innings.

"It's another one of those [performanc-

es] that kind of gets looked at but is not properly appreciated because of what the other guy was doing," Orioles manager Buck Showalter said.

The 3-4-5-6 hitters in the Baltimore lineup went 0 for 16 with 10 strikeouts. In addition to Cruz, Chris Davis and J.J. Hardy both struck out three times.

"[Greene] didn't leave much over the plate and worked both sides of the plate," Orioles right fielder Nick Markakis said. "We couldn't get much going against him."

Astros 3, Red Sox 2: Jason Castro hit a two-run homer and Chris Carter had a tiebreaking infield single in the eighth inning, lifting host Houston over Boston. Josh Fields (2-4) pitched 1½ scoreless innings for the win and Chad Qualls got two outs for his 10th save. The Astros turned a double play to end the game and Boston challenged the play at first, but it was upheld.

Rays 10, Blue Jays 3: Rookie Jake Odorizzi pitched into the seventh inning and Kevin Kiermaier, Matt Joyce and Ben Zobrist delivered key hits during a six-run outburst that helped host Tampa Bay Rays top Toronto. Odorizzi (5-8) allowed three runs and six hits over 6½ innings.

Tigers 5, Royals 1: Rick Porcello outdueling James Shields and visiting Detroit won its fifth in a row. Porcello (12-5) raised his career record against the Royals to 8-3 while yielding six hits and one run through seven innings.

Angels 5, Rangers 2: Howie Kendrick celebrated his 31st birthday with three hits, including an RBI single during a four-run sixth inning as Los Angeles sent host Texas to its seventh straight loss. Kendrick's third single tied it at 2 in the sixth. The Angels chased Texas starter Miles Mikolas (0-2) to win their ninth in 10 games.

Mariners 6, Athletics 2: Hisashi Iwakuma pitched a career-high 8½ innings, and Kyle Seager and Robinson Cano homered to lift host Seattle over Oakland. Iwakuma (8-4) fanned five of the first six batters he retired en route to eight strikeouts overall. The right-hander allowed five hits and faced the minimum in all but three innings.



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Philadelphia Phillies catcher Koyie Hill, right, chases down a wild pitch from relief pitcher Jake Diekmann as the Nationals' Jayson Werth scores during the 10th inning of Saturday's game in Philadelphia. Washington won 5-3 in 10 innings.

MLB

Cardinals beat Brewers with heavy hearts

Teams observe moment of silence after death of Milwaukee SS Segura's 9-month-old son

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright knew how tough it was for the Milwaukee Brewers to play Saturday after finding out that shortstop Jean Segura's 9-month-old son had died.

But Wainwright had to push those thoughts aside as he pitched seven strong innings to lead the Cardinals to a 10-2 win over Milwaukee for a tie atop the NL Central with the Brewers.

The Brewers lost their seventh in a row.

Segura left the team and traveled home to the Dominican Republic, a day after his 9-month-old son died. The Brewers observed a moment of silence for Janniel Segura, and the clubhouse was closed before the game.

Segura, 24, was put on the bereavement list when he learned after the Brewers' 7-6 loss to St. Louis on Friday night that his son had died. Manager Ron Roenicke said the boy had been ill.

"When something like that happens, you become a family," Wainwright said. "Baseball as a whole becomes a family. There's bigger things than baseball. I understand that he's going through something that I hope I never, never have to go through. So our hearts and prayers go out to him."

Cardinals manager Mike Matheny was catcher for the Cardinals when St. Louis pitcher Darryl Kile died of a heart problem on June 22, 2002.

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St. Louis Cardinals pitcher

"The extended family in [Milwaukee's] clubhouse is hurting right along with him," he said. "You can't help but take a step back and just prioritize life. Prioritize just how fragile it is. It gives us perspective."

"When that happened (Kile's death), we had a lot of guys having a bunch of conversations you typically wouldn't have inside a clubhouse," Matheny said.

Wainwright (12-4) gave up two runs and five hits. He has allowed just four earned runs in his last six starts.

Wainwright helped himself with an RBI single and tied Cincinnati's Alfredo Simon and the Yankees' Masahiro Tanaka for the most wins in the majors.

St. Louis trailed Milwaukee by 6½ games on July 1, but Wainwright knows how quickly a team's fortune can change in a week. In fact, he said that a week ago.

"My quote was 'In a week from now, we could be doing a completely different kind of interview,'" he said. "It could be what

has turned the season around for. And, that's what's happened. This game is a funny game of ups and downs. The teams that have the most ups and the least amount of downs end up winning the whole thing."

Tony Cruz drove in a career-high three runs and Kolten Wong homered for the Cardinals.

"It's nice to be able to make a little ground," Matheny said. "It just comes back to playing each game the right way."

For the Brewers, it was a most difficult day.

"I think everybody in the clubhouse was affected quite a bit," manager Ron Roenicke said. "I don't want to make excuses. We knew that we still have a game to play and a job to do, but we did not play well today."

The Brewers have lost 11 of 12. They had held sole possession of first place since April 9.

Frustrated Brewers star Carlos Gomez struck out swinging in the fifth inning and tried three times without success to break the bat over his leg. He slammed



JEFFREY PHELPS/AP

St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Adam Wainwright gave up two runs and five hits in a 10-2 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Saturday. He has allowed just four earned runs in his past six starts.

his helmet and tore up his batting gloves.

Jimmy Nelson (1-1) went 4½ innings, giving up eight runs and eight hits. He was recalled from Triple-A Nashville on Thursday to make his first start since replacing ineffective Marco Estrada in the rotation.

St. Louis took a 3-0 lead in the

first inning. A two-out error by second baseman Scooter Gennett on a grounder set up Cruz's two-run single.

Wong hit a two-run homer in the second. It was his fifth home run in the last six games since coming back from the disabled list.

Cruz doubled home a run in the third.



MARK DUNCAN/AP

The Chicago White Sox's Jose Abreu watches his two-run home run in the fourth inning of Saturday's 6-2 win over the Cleveland Indians in Cleveland.

Abreu hits 29th HR in White Sox's win

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Chicago White Sox slugger Jose Abreu has already done a lot of damage in the first half of his rookie season.

He kept on going Saturday in Chicago's 6-2 win over the Cleveland Indians. Abreu hit his major league-leading 29th homer, a two-run shot that helped the Sox end a three-game losing streak.

"He's good," his manager Robin Ventura said. "I'm glad he's on our side."

Abreu, picked for the AL All-Star team, broke a scoreless tie in the fourth inning with a drive off Zach McAllister (3-5). The homer cleared the fence in right field and landed in the White Sox bullpen for Chicago's first hit.

After White Sox shortstop Alexei Ramirez, another member of the All-Star team, left the game with a stiff back following a leadoff walk in the fourth, Abreu homered on the next pitch.

Ramirez said he doesn't think his back will prevent him from playing in Tuesday's game in Minnesota.

Abreu is batting .287 with 73 RBIs, good for second in the league.

"I am very proud of what I have accomplished so far in the first half," he said through a translator. "I'm very happy to participate in the All-Star Game. It's definitely an honor."

Abreu is 7-for-35 with five homers and 15 strikeouts against the Indians.

"Abreu is obviously a very dangerous hitter," Indians manager Terry Francona said. "That's probably the understatement of the year."

All-Star outfielder Michael Brantley hit a leadoff homer in the eighth for Cleveland.

Scott Carroll (4-5) held the Indians to two hits in five shutout innings before being pulled because of a stiff lower back.

"I felt it a couple of innings before that," he said. "It really kind of hit me in the fifth. I tried to stay out there as long as I could."

The rookie right-hander has won two straight starts, in which he hasn't allowed a run over 11½ innings. Carroll allowed one hit over 6½ innings in Monday's 4-0 victory at Boston. He got 0-5 with an 8.10 ERA in his previous six starts.

Gordon Beckham broke a 1-for-32 skid with a two-run double during a three-run ninth. Indians reliever Austin Adams made his major league debut and gave up all three runs. He got only one out. Adam Dunn had an RBI single in the Chicago sixth.

White Sox relievers Zach Putnam, Javy Guerra, Eric Surkamp and Jake Petricka combined to allow two runs

over the final four innings.

Carroll hasn't given up an earned run in 14 innings over three appearances against Cleveland. His first career loss was to the Indians on May 3 when he allowed two unearned runs in six innings of a 2-0 defeat.

Carroll retired the first eight hitters before Mike Aviles' two-out single in the third.

McAllister, recalled from Triple-A Columbus to make the start, gave up three runs in seven innings. His only major mistake came to Abreu.

"I wasn't thinking about a home run," Abreu said. "I was trying to hit the ball the other way. I hit a line drive, and I was lucky it went out of the park."

Jason Kipnis drew a bases-loaded walk in the seventh for the Indians. Earlier in the inning, Yan Gomes hit a line drive that was called a catch, but was overturned after Indians manager Terry Francona challenged the ruling.

The Indians moved designated hitter Jason Giambi (sore left knee) to the 60-day disabled list following the game. Giambi, batting .128 with two homers and five RBIs in 15 games, had been on the 15-day DL since June 12.

The move was made after Cleveland acquired LHP Nick Maronde in a minor league trade with the Angels and added him to the 40-man roster.

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LeBron's move home levels playing field in conference

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MLB: ALL-STAR GAME



Jim Mone/AP

Minneapolis' Target Field will host the All-Star Game on Tuesday.

Wish you were here!

Minneapolis ready to put city, Target Field on display for baseball fans

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
The Associated Press

WITH the All-Star Game coming to the Twin Cities, the Minnesota Twins see the mid-summer party as more than a way to distract from another disappointing season.

In some ways, it's a referendum on the success of outdoor baseball in the chilly north country and the first chance 5-year-old Target Field has had to take center stage.

The Twins' new urban jewel of a ballpark opened in 2010 but has hosted only

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Minnesota Twins president

one postseason series. So team officials are looking forward to putting the ballpark — and yes, the weather — on display.

“One of the greatest things about All-Star week is it's going to be a showcase for the nation that this isn't necessarily the ice

box 12 months of the year that people think it is,” Twins President Dave St. Peter said. “That we have maybe arguably the best weather in the country for three or four months out of the year. That's what will be on display on Tuesday.”

“We believe as long as this baseball team is competitive, which we haven't been the last three years, outdoor baseball will not only survive, but it will thrive in Minnesota.”

Not long ago, there were many doubters. The Twins spent 28 seasons playing indoors at the Metrodome, spawning a generation of fans that grew up not knowing what it was like to watch professional baseball outdoors. So when the Twins secured public funding for a new ballpark and declined to design it with a retractable roof, concern came from far and wide.

“There was a significant amount of hand-wringing and a decade-long debate about a

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